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The death of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter Baby, and Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City was reported to Manila by Governor Juan Chionio of Nueva Ecija in a telegram received at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Dr. Herminio Yanzon, manager of the Philippine Red Cross.

The exact location was 60 kilometers from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, near the Nueva Ecija-Quezon boundary.

Several cars and jeeps following behind the two cars were able to return to Bongabon before noon today.

Among the passengers are Hilarion Silayan, former director of plant industry and now with the PAFSA, and Dr. Alandy. They were able to return to Bongabon.

MRS. AURORA QUEZON

MARIA AURORA (BABY)

On Tuesday, March 2, 1943, a taxi driver riding in the third jeep was seriously injured. At this evening, several persons accounted casualties of the escort are being treated at the provincial hospital. It was reportedly reported that the members of the escort, including one captain and one lieutenant, were instantly killed without having a chance to fire back.

Philip Buscuniano, lieutenant of the provincial hospital arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon still alive, but at 4:30, two and half hours of agony, he sustained four fatal wounds. Gen. Jalandoni was desperately looking for a plane to carry Philip to Manila for the necessary blood transfusion, but there was no available plane here.

Gov. Juan O. Chanco and Board Member Simeon Luster, who were the first provincial officials to reach the hospital this afternoon also tried to aid in locating a plane. Gov. Chanco even wired the blood banks, the Manila Red Cross, and

No Greater Crime

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Those in authority cannot hide the situation from the rest of the people any more. The truth must be out — the sad, bitter truth that the Huks are still a problem, shocking us by the impact of their excesses. Gratuitous statements from government officials shifting the deed of Mrs. Quezon's death to other than the most possible perpetrators thereof must be dismissed as an attempt to hide a terrible failure.

The murder of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter and her friends is not an isolated case in the violent career of the Huks. The question is why they must resort to naked lawlessness, why they must use terror to remold the world nearer to their hearts' desire.

But there must be no more violence, no more killings. The Huks have committed no greater outrage. The problem they pose must be solved. This should be our goal and the circumstances which brought to fruition the tragedy of yesterday must be rooted out once and for all or Mrs. Aurora Quezon, a woman beloved of all, shall have died in vain.

Army, PC To

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President Quezon's widow from his son Tommy this afternoon. Upon receiving the news, he immediately instructed Jose Yulo to take over the funeral arrangements until his arrival in Manila tomorrow morning. He also contacted Secretaries Kangleon, Baluyut, Evangelista and General Mariano Castaneda and Alberto Ramos.

"I know the whole country mourns Mrs. Quezon's death," Quirino said. "She was a mother to her people. The whole country is enraged by the incident," he added.

The President revealed that the army and constabulary have received instructions from him to join forces to eliminate banditry in Central Luzon. Days ago, he held a conference with General Castaneda and General Ramos in Baguio on this subject.

Quirino recalled that Mrs. Quezon invited him to attend the town fiesta of Baler with her. He said that he turned down her invitation and instead offered the presidential plane for Mrs. Quezon's use.

President Quirino told newsmen that he received the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon as though he received the news of the death of his own mother. According to him, there were eight cars used by the Quezon party in the Baler trip. He believed Baler folk were informed

of Mrs. Quezon's trip. Quirino said he is not sure the Huks ambushed the Quezon party because if the Huks knew it was Mrs. Quezon, they would not have harmed her. He added that the ambushade was pure banditry.

Quirino cancelled the scheduled cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Quirino Will Be at Rites

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of Philippine Army general headquarters.

Manuel Quezon, Jr., one of two surviving children of Mrs. Quezon, suffered four heart attacks yesterday after learning of the news. He is under medical treatment.

Mrs. Maria Zenaida Quezon-Buenacmino, the other Quezon child and wife of Philip, was prostrate with shock. She is in the family way. She has one child, a one-year-old boy.

President Elpidio Quirino is flying down from Baguio this morning to attend funeral services for the deceased. He will attend the last of a number of requiem masses scheduled at the Sto. Tomas chapel for this morning. The last mass will be offered between 9 and 9:30 a.m.

The rest of those killed were of the Philippine Constabulary escort which accompanied the party on the road. Their names: Lt. Diosdado Lazam, Lt. Deogracias M. Arabejo, Lt. Juan Molina, Cpl. Quirino Almarines and Pfc. Brigido Valdez.

Pedro Payumo, Quezon family cook, was the 12th victim.

All the dead except Buenacmino and Payumo were killed instantly. These two were brought to the Nueva Ecija provincial hospital in Cabanatuan for treatment.

Buenacmino died at 3:15 p.m. and Payumo three hours later. Buenacmino's last words were, "Dios ko!" He received the last sacraments of the Church after asking for a priest. He was heard to have said, "I am going to die."

Blood plasma intended for him arrived in Cabanatuan aboard a Philippine Army headquarters plane two hours late.

Several were wounded in the ambush, among them Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired army chief of staff, who was given up for dead by the Huks. The attackers looted the victims, stripping them of cash, jewelry and other valuables. Mrs. Quezon was shorn of everything except an earring in the right ear. The Huks also overlooked P300 in cash on Lt. Molina's body.

A committee headed by former Speaker Jose Yulo was formed to take charge of vigil and funeral arrangements for the Quezons and Buenacmino. The 15-man group is holding its first meeting at 8 a.m. today in the Malacañan council of state room.

The ambushed motorcade was bound for Baler, Quezon where Mrs. Quezon was to unveil a marker designating the birthplace of her late husband. President Quirino was reported to have originally planned to join the trip but changed his mind lest his trip be interpreted as a politicking tour. Quirino went to Baguio instead.

President Quirino is meeting with his cabinet after attending mass at Sto. Tomas today. The attack is expected to be discussed in connection with government peace and order plans.

Manuel Quezon, Jr., who is pursuing studies for the priesthood at the Sto. Tomas seminary, was allowed to go to the family residence on Gilmore Avenue last night. He suffered four heart attacks.

Twelve members of the Quezon party are known to have survived the attack uninjured. These include Eduardo Quisumbing, curator of the national museum, Hilarion Silayan, former director of plant industry and Ex-Gov. and Mrs. Maximo Rodriguez.

Mrs. Quezon was hit in the temple and her daughter in the chest. Buenacmino was wounded also in the chest.

Accounts of the ambush said Mayor Bernardo, at the first volley, tried to shout at the attackers that they were shooting at Mrs. Quezon. The cry failed to stop the splutter of machine-gun fire.

Malacañan said the first official reaction to the attack was to ask for the imposition of martial law in Nueva Ecija. The plan was dropped, however, when General Ramos informed the palace that the disturbance had been localized by PC forces.

Members of the funeral arrangement committee headed by Yulo which meets at Malacañan this morning are Justice Manuel Lim, vice chairman; Mrs. Manuela Gay, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez, Secretary of Labor Primitivo Lovina, Senator Lorenzo Tañada, Congressman Tomas Morato, R.F.C. Chairman Delfin Buenacmino, Mayor Manuel de la Fuente, Aurelio Intertias, Philip Buenacmino, Jr., General Mariano Castañeda, Dr. Antonio G. Sison and Ramon Fernandez.

According to Dr. Quisumbing, one of the survivors, Mrs. Quezon was against the plan of having Constabulary escorts. It was also learned that Philip Buenacmino refused to go along with the party but was prevailed upon at the last minute.

Ambush Done By Bandits--Ramos

In an interview with the Associated Press last night, General Alberto Ramos chief of the Constabulary, was quoted as saying he did not believe the Huks were responsible for the killing of Mrs. Quezon.

He was of the opinion that bandits were behind the crime. He pointed out two facts which he believed should show that the killing was not done by Huks: first, because the victims were stripped of their valuables;

(Continued from page 1) and second, because Mrs. Quezon was well known, respected and liked by the Huks.

On the other hand, General Rafael Jalandoni was quoted by Malacañan press secretary Baldomera Olivera in an interview last night as having voiced the

opinion that the attackers were Huks. Although Jalandoni said he was not sure if the assailants were Huks or bandits, he was inclined to believe they were Huks by the nature of their attack which was well organized, and the fact that they were well-armed.

Other sources pointed out that the assailants must have been Huks because, otherwise, they would be unable to roam and operate in Huk-controlled areas.

General Ramos said last night that he had instructed the PC commander in Nueva Ecija to converge all available constabularymen in Cabanatuan around the vicinity where Mrs. Aurora Quezon and party were ambushed and to exhaust all efforts at capturing the ambushers.

The PC chief also said he wired Governor Juan O. Chiocho and all municipal mayors of Nueva Ecija, enjoining them to press the hunt.

Immediately after receiving reports of the ambush, the PC commander of Nueva Ecija rushed two units of the 1st Combat Battalion to the scene. Constabularymen combed the area to within a radius of several miles from the place of ambush but failed to contact the dissidents, reports from Nueva Ecija last night stated.

Shocked over the incident, the PC chief last night indicated he is motoring to Nueva Ecija today to lead personally what is believed to be the biggest offensive ever to be waged against the dissidents and the highway bandits in that province.

All the remaining tanks at the PC headquarters and in the Southern Luzon Zone Command in Balar, Quezon City, were mobilized last night with instructions to proceed to Nueva Ecija.

About eight hundred constabularymen from the 1st Combat Battalion which has been standing by and awaiting orders in the SLZC in Balar, QC, since last Monday, were also ordered to ready themselves for the all-out offensive.

It was learned that Gen. Ramos has also directed all constabulary units along the towns where the bodies of the victims will have to pass on their way to Manila to patrol the highways in their respective jurisdictions to avoid the same incident.

All available equipment and arms in the PC headquarters last night were also ordered taken to Nueva Ecija for use by civilian guards in routing the ambushers.

Baguio Shocked By Quezon Death

Special to the Chronicle

BAGUIO, April 28—News of the killing of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo and other members of the Quezon party in a Huk ambush at Bongabon this morning was a big shock to the residents here, among whom the Quezon family counted many friends and several relatives.

A spontaneous expression of mourning and great loss was the general reaction of city residents who first received news of the shocking tragedy.

Mrs. Teodora M. Flores, local Red Cross chapter administrator and niece of Mrs. Quezon, and Dr. Andres Angara, Baguio city health officer who was her nephew, were both stunned upon being informed of the tragedy. Both could not believe the report. A similar disbelief was expressed by others upon first hearing the news.

Late this afternoon, however, the Guest House confirmed the report of the fatal accident with an official communication from Governor Chiocho of Nueva Ecija.

The news was first received here by the Chronicle bureau and spread like wildfire. The Quezons were considered here as residents of Baguio and have actively participated in local civic movements. The former first lady owned a summer residence here including several apartment houses and considerable real estate properties.

It was recalled that her yearly Lourdes novena which she used to celebrate at her private grotto had become a traditional fiesta among the Baguio Catholics among whom she was considered a leader.

Mayor Bernardo was formerly assistant city engineer of Baguio from 1936 to 1939 and counted, among his many friends here Mrs. Quezon and her family. He used to spend most of his time in Baguio at the Quezon summer house.

Dr. Angara and Mrs. Flores are flying to Manila tomorrow.

Dona Aurora's Passing Mourned

Special to the Chronicle

LUCENA, April 28—The people of Quezon province early this afternoon received the news of Mrs. Quezon's death skeptically at first, but later, confirmation by news broadcasts from Malacañan moved the populace to grief.

All families here in Lucena are mourning. Close relatives and friends of Mrs. Quezon are leaving for Manila this afternoon. Governor Gregorio Santayana, before leaving hurriedly for Manila late this afternoon, ordered all night clubs, cockpits and recreation houses closed throughout the whole province.

Governor Santayana issued the following statement:

"The death of Doña Aurora A. Quezon is a very great loss to the nation and to the province of Quezon for we lost a real benefactor. Mrs. Quezon in life had always done everything, like her illustrious husband, for the welfare of Tayabas province. I am sure her surviving children will be continually loved and respected by the people of Quezon as we loved and respected her and her husband."

Santayana is Mrs. Quezon's godson.

Meanwhile, Mayor Pedro V. Guerrero of Baler, Mrs. Quezon's nephew, sent a frantic wire asking for verification of Mrs. Quezon's death. Santayana confirmed the news broadcasts. According to Guerrero, Baler is much concerned about Mrs. Quezon's death, as until five o'clock this afternoon, it had not received confirmation of the report. The Baler people were also worried about Dr. Francisco L. Vicuna, director of the Quezon Memorial hospital, and his wife who were with the party of Mrs. Quezon.

Dr. Vicuna, a Congressional aspirant like the late Primitivo San Agustin, was invited by Mrs. Quezon Tuesday afternoon to join her party.

Before leaving, Santayana, said a delegation of Quezon officials and citizens including all municipal mayors will attend the necrological services and funeral of Mrs. Quezon. Former Governors D. Umali and Hilarion Yanza are also leaving for Manila tomorrow morning. The Quezon and Marinduque chapters and boards of directors of the Philippine Red Cross are also leaving tomorrow to view the remains of Mrs. Quezon.

Mayor Killed In Another Ambush

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 28—Barely nine hours after the ambushade of the party of Mrs. Quezon this morning which resulted in 12 casualties, another ambushade took place at barrio Tabuating, Sta. Rosa, at 7:30 o'clock this evening, resulting in the death of Mayor David Ventura, Sta. Rosa mayor, two PC soldiers and one civilian.

The names of the other victims (Continued on page 16, Col. 5)

Starr Reception Tonight Cancelled

On account of the untimely death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, the reception scheduled to be given tonight at the Army and Navy Club by the Philippine American Life Insurance company for C. V. Starr, head of a worldwide organization of insurance companies, has been cancelled.

Death on Quezon Party

and close friends of the family, including Speaker Perez, Senator Jose A. Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Vice Claro M. Recto, Sen. Ramon Diokno, Dr. Sal Araneta and members of the deeply lamented the of Mrs. Quezon.

We deeply mourn the loss of such a distinguished leader who has rendered signal service to her people. Our women have lost a leader and

Leaders Blame Government For . . .

menting on the tragic
cade, Dr. Jose P. Laurel
right asserted bluntly that
government cannot escape
responsibility for the
sale slaughter."

Laurel demanded where the country which the government claimed exists "as one of the great accomplishments of his administration." The occupation added that the recent ambush killing of Mrs. Laurel and members of her family was conclusive proof that the property are far from safe in this country.

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child of the late President
should die precisely in
hands of the people for
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ought so hard.

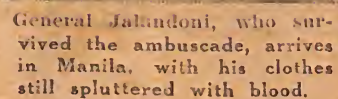
Laurel said that in his re-
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no wanted to know what came of the P4-million-discretionary fund given to Quirino for the maintenance and order.

Senator also said that it possible to restore peace order through the use of force. "Peace must first in the hearts of the peo-



ments. We feel a void in our midst in the untimely demise of this great and loved Filipino leader."

and profoundly shocked and grieved by the fate of Mrs. Quezon, her beloved daughter, and the other members of their party. Doña Aurora was a great Filipina in her own right. The lifelong inspiration and most trusted counsellor of her immortal husband, with whom she shared struggle, victory, and exile, she could rightly be called the Mother of our people and our Republic.

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He said that he was most concerned over the repercussions the tragedy may have in the United States and in other foreign countries watching the events in the new Republic.

"It is a terrible shock to the nation and to me personally."

"President Quirino has asserted that peace and order have been restored and he counted this

as one of the achievements of his administration. It is known to everybody that crimes and murders are being committed almost daily by dissident elements and it is indeed heart-breaking that we should need this latest outrage to open the eyes of the people to the utter incompetence of this government.

"President Quirino is so busy with his reelection that he does not care for more important matters of government. He does not care how the nation is governed. He cannot govern. If this were a parliamentary form of government, the Quirino administration would have fallen."

"Pure and spotless must the victim be that the sacrifice may be acceptable." These words of Jose Rizal, naturally come to our minds in this hour of our national bereavement. For Doña Aurora, a victim of our fratricidal hatreds, is indeed a pure and spotless martyr.

"Divine Providence, has will ed to demand from our country the most precious life of our citizenry. Let us hope and pray that this our great loss will serve the great purpose of opening the eyes and touching the hearts of all our nationals, that this fratricidal strife may be put to an end.

Doña Aurora, will be remembered by many noble deeds, but I like to believe that posterity will consider that her appeal to the Nation, through the Catholic Hierarchy, for a month of May dedicated to our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, hallowed with prayers and penances, is her spiritual testament to our beloved country, and as such the most significant of her good deeds.

"With the sacrifice of her life

By *crayon* *Gracia Villanueva*
This is one column we write with a heavy heart, news of the tragedy that befell Doña Aurora and Baby and the rest of their party being too recent a shock. We recall at this moment, now that Doña Aurora is gone, what she told the Antipolo Church Reconstruction Committee, of which she was practically the life and soul! Hurry up the re-construction of the church; I am afraid I shan't live long enough to see it finished. This was only several months ago. And the remark was prompted, we believe, by the fact that she had discovered that she had heart trouble, and had decided to establish herself on the ground floor of her home on Gilmore Avenue, New Manila.

The last pictures we saw of Baby Quezon were those taken on the lawn of Mansion House in Baguio during the President's luncheon. It's hard to believe that the bright-eyed, frank and quick-witted Baby is gone. The

last long talk we had with her was last month when she stood as godmother to the baby boy of Greg and Pacita Feliciano. She as always an encouragement to many worthy projects and organizations. The Jaycees

always liked to have her around because she had many interesting views, and one of the longest informal talks she had with them was at that dinner at the New Europe given by the Felicianos.

One of our friends says she saw Nini Quezon Buencamino in the Carmelite chapel yesterday morning with her baby. She says it was the first time she had seen Nini there because he goes there every morning. You can take this for what its worth. The sympathy of all goes to Nini and Nonong (Quezon), the Buencaminos and Qulsumings, San Agustin's and Berardos and all others who made Mrs. Quezon's party to Bap-r.

Quezon) who was surrounded by members of the house for confirmation of the news reports and that the last time he saw Quezon was 6:30 p.m., yesterday when Mrs. Quezon told him to give a personal note to Speaker Eugenio Perez. According to Congressman Morató, Quezon asked him to come along. She said that with Morató there would be twelve persons in the party.

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WASHINGTON, April 29.—(AP)—President Truman said today he was shocked at the news of the slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter Baby and others in her party.

The President learned of the tragedy during a press conference. When asked to comment, President Truman, appearing quite shocked, said, "It was awful."

The Philippine embassy was closed for the day. The Philippine flag was at halfmast out of respect for Mrs. Quezon.

Minister Emilio Abello commented, "It is an outrage. We are glad President Quirino had given orders that the perpetrators be brought to justice."

By DIOSDADO M. YAP
Special to the Chronicle.

Washington, April 28.—The untimely death of Mrs. Quezon shocked numerous official and private individuals who have known the Quezon family for years.

The Philippine embassy staff could not believe the news until it was repeatedly reported from official sources. Mrs. Emilio Abello declared:

"Its terrible," I could not believe it, for Mrs. Quezon is loved by all, irrespective of political (Continued on page 14, Col. 7)

maura after President Quezon's death, she has been very active in all social work specially with the Philippine Red Cross which she served creditably. Her death is a distinct loss to the Philippines and mourned by all who know her great work."

Mrs. Harry Hawes, when notified by the Chronicle, was dumb founded, then said: "Oh, no! I am absolutely shocked. Mrs. Quezon has always been kind, sweet and helpful. Please convey my condolence to President Quirino, the children and the Filipino people."

It was recalled that while Mrs. Quezon was here with the exile government, she organized Philippine women's club and took active part in organizing various Filipino communities throughout the United States, collecting clothing and medicine for the Philippines.

Eyewitnesses Tell of Attack

By GONZALO A. CUIZON
Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 28.—Interviews with General Rafael Jalandoni and Dr. Luis Alandy who were with the Quezons when they were ambushed and killed by the Huks yesterday morning elicited the following eyewitness account of the outrage:

General Jalandoni, somewhat incoherent from shock, was able to recall that the motorcade carrying the Quezon party was approaching the Nueva Ecija-Quezon boundary, a desolate, mountainous region, when the car in which he was riding with Mrs. Quezon suddenly met a heavy hail of machine gun bullets as it was rounding a curve on the highway. The car was leading the motorcade and in it were Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, General Jalandoni, Philip Buencamino III, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, with Lt.-Col. Antonio San Agustin at the wheel.

All the occupants of the car except General Jalandoni, were hit by the fusillade and killed. Jalandoni related how the car stopped dead and how he went for his revolver as he saw a group of Huks approaching. Before he could shoot, he was struck on the face with a rifle butt by one of the assailants. He lost consciousness and was apparently given up for dead by the Huks.

Dr. Luis Alandy, personal secretary of Mrs. Quezon gave a more coherent account of the ambush. He was in the fourth car and was able to turn back while the attackers were concentrating their attention on the first three cars.

Alandy said the assailants fired at close range with machine guns, instantly killing all the occupants of the first three vehicles. Machine guns raked the Buick in which the Quezons were following. In the second jeep were Col. Primitivo San Agustin with five PC escorts.

The PC escort was unable to fire a single shot, so sudden was the attack.

General Jalandoni said that when he recovered consciousness, all the Huks had gone. He looked around and saw that all the occupants of the car and jeep were either dead or seriously wounded. The bodies had been stripped of valuables. Pedro Payumo, a Malacan driver riding in the third jeep was seriously injured.

At this writing, several unaccounted casualties of the PC escort are being awaited at the provincial hospital. It was reliably reported that five members of the escort, including one captain and one lieutenant, were instantly killed without having a chance to fire back.

Philip Buencamino III arrived at the provincial hospital at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon still alive, but died after two and half hours of agony. He sustained four fatal wounds. Gen. Jalandoni was desperately looking for a plane to carry Philip to Manila for the necessary blood transfusion, but there was no available plane here.

Gov. Juan O. Chiocho and Board Member Sixto Lustre, who were the first provincial officials to reach the hospital this afternoon, also tried to aid in locating a plane. Gov. Chiocho even wired for blood from the Manila Red Cross blood bank.

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The bodies of the victims were rushed to the provincial hospital in a station wagon and an army ambulance. The bodies of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter Baby were placed inside the station wagon, while those of the two San Agustin brothers and driver Molina were tucked on the rear compartment with their feet sticking out to the rear.

The exposed dead bodies attracted immediate attention as the vehicles rushed through this town. The news of the tragedy spread like wildfire to the aghast populace.

All the bodies could not be recognized with thick dust which enveloped the faces and exposed parts. It was believed that the ambush perpetrators dragged the victims on the ground after they were killed.

It was learned here that the visit of Doña Aurora to Baler was known here one week in advance as workers of the bureau of public works had been clearing the road for five days now. This gave the Huks advance knowledge of the trip.

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Governor Chiocho was deeply touched by the ambush, which he called a national tragedy. He said that there is no more reason for President Quirino and PC officers to insist that there is peace in Nueva Ecija. He added that the government should concentrate all the government's available forces here and punish the killers of Mrs. Quezon.

General Alberto Ramos, PC

chief, is expected here tomorrow to personally direct the punitive expedition against the ambushers.

Buencamino Dies In NE Hospital

By ENRIQUE SANTOS
Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 28.—Philip Buencamino III's last words were "Dios ko!" He lapsed into a coma after uttering this cry and expired at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Earlier he had asked that his father, Dr. Victor Buencamino, be notified by telegram to Manila. "Call a priest, I am dying," he said. He was given the last sacraments of the Catholic church.

Buencamino was hit in the chest and thigh but remained alive for a few hours after he was brought to the provincial hospital here. Mrs. Aurora Quezon was hit in the head, while most of the others received fatal wounds in the chest. These were Baby Quezon, Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Col. Primitivo San Agustin and Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin. Lt. Juan Molina, a driver in the party, was hit in the abdomen, and Pedro Payumo, Quezon family cook in the neck.

All these eight persons and four Philippine Constabulary soldiers died in this noon's bloody ambush near the Nueva Ecija-Quezon border. Their bodies have been sent to Manila except that of Payumo, who expired at 6:15 today. The bodies were escorted by Nueva Ecija Gov. Juan O. Chiocho and PC troops. Only Philip and Payumo were still alive when they were brought to the hospital here.

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The President's Day

Special to the Chronicle

BAGUIO, April 28.—President Quirino was shocked by the news of Mrs. Quezon's tragic death. It rendered him speechless for some minutes just after he had awakened from his siesta this afternoon. The news was breached to him by his son, Tommy, in the presence of Chief Justice and Mrs. Manuel V. Moran, Mrs. Nila Mendoza, Mrs. Filadelfo Rojas and his physician, Dr. Fernando Martires.

Dr. Martires, who stood by ready with coramine ampule, saw no need for injection, however, when he saw the Apo recover from paleness.

After contacting Secretaries Sotero Baluyut, Ruperto Kang- leon, and Teodoro Evangelista, Jose Yulo, and General Alberto Ramos to whom he issued instructions on what to do, he summoned newsmen to his room. He gave a press statement and granted a press conference in his room. He recalled how he offered his plane to Mrs. Quezon for her Baler trip. "Had she accepted my offer, she would have been saved from the tragedy," Quirino reminisced.

The horrible incident forced Quirino to cut off appointments scheduled in the afternoon.

Grieving Hundreds Crowd Funeral Parlor to View Mrs. Quezon's Body

By ROSALINDA OROSA

Hundreds of shocked, mutely grieving people poured into the Funeraria Nacional last night in the hope of catching a glimpse of the bodies of their beloved Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and her daughter "Baby." The sad news of their deaths had spread with such rapidity and had so electrified Manilaans that by 7:30 the doorway of the funeral parlor had become almost impassable.

People from all walks of life came and went for hours on end. There were the rich, the poor, and the middle classes. There were Chinese in undershirts and Spaniards impeccably

dressed. There were the old and the fretting young. And in that motley group were expressions which ran the gamut of emotion. Men cried unashamedly while women sat huddled together sobbing and moaning.

As soon as the seven caskets bearing the bodies arrived, they were immediately rushed to the morgue behind the parlor and guards barred the curious from its doors. Observers went home disappointed. A great number, however, had the satisfaction of hearing from several survivors the tragic tale of the incident. Although there were many varying versions of it, they were essentially the same.

According to Francisco Marquez, administrative officer of the department of agriculture, a shower of bullets announced the impending disaster. He was riding in the seventh car from Mrs. Quezon's. After the party had reached the boundary separating Quezon and Nueva Ecija, they heard a volley of shots and a PC courier came rushing to them. "Si Mrs. Quezon nahanang," he breathlessly announced to them. This was between 10:30 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The next thing they knew, all the occupants in Mrs. Quezon's car were dead—all except General Jalandoni. They were ordered to retreat.

Grimy and ill-kept, Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing tearfully related his own version of the tale. He was riding in the third car from Mrs. Quezon's. Two PC jeeps wedged in between his car and the one directly behind. Fortunately for him and his companions, these jeeps served to protect them from the Huks.

Baby's friends from the YLAC recalled that she had been unusually gay at the YLAC meeting over which she presided last Tuesday. That night she bubbled with enthusiasm as she showed to Gin Mata an evening dress to which she had meant to wear to a dance. Her friends said she was full of plans for social activities.

There was, however, a hint that she knew she would die. Yesterday morning, before making the fateful trip, she gave a picture of herself to one of the maids—a thing she had never done before, her friends said.

According to Dr. Victor Buencamino, his son Philip had no intentions of making the trip. Up to 9:30 the previous night he had made no preparations for the trip. His wife Nini (Quezon) was very much against his going. Friends of Baby said last night that Nini cried bitterly when her husband bade her good-bye.

It was learned that Mrs. Quezon was reportedly against having any constabulary escorts. Her sister, Mrs. Amparo Aragon vda. de Angara said that the Huks had robbed Mrs. Quezon of all the jewelry she wore: an engagement ring, a wedding ring, a diamond studded wrist-watch and a necklace closely resembling rosary beads.

Mrs. Angara who was remarkably composed while she was relating the unfortunate incident broke down completely when her sister Mrs. Emilia Aragon Vda.

de Angara arrived at the parlor. The two who are the only remaining sisters of the late Mrs. Quezon embraced each other and fell into pitiable weeping.

Mrs. Vicuna, wife of Dr. Vicuna of the Quezon City provincial hospital was with her husband, Dr. Quisumbing, and Mrs.

Angara in a station wagon. She said she heard Mrs. Quezon shouting several times. There were some fifteen minutes of heavy firing while they hid under the station wagon. The Huks surrounded Mrs. Quezon's car and fired at its passengers at close range.

PASSENGERS

The Penelope, another Line freighter, is likewise scheduled to leave for the U. S. ports.

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More Pictures on Survivors of Ambuscade



NERVE-RACKING EXPERIENCE. — Mrs. Enriqueta Angara Amador (left) and her mother, Mrs. Amparo de Angara, two of the survivors in the Baler ambuscade, are shown in the above photo after they arrived at the Funeraria Nacional where they escorted bodies of slain companions.



ANOTHER SURVIVOR. — Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing (center), one of the members of the Quezon party which motored to Baler, is shown telling newsmen and interested onlookers "how it all happened." The photo was taken at the funeral parlor where the remains of the victims were taken in elaborate caskets.



AMBUSH RETOLD. — Former Speaker Jose Yulo (with tie), a good friend of the Quezons, hears at the funeral parlor an account of the ambuscade from Dr. Luis Alandy (left), personal secretary of the late Mrs. Quezon. Dr. Alandy, along with Major General Rafael Jalandoni (at Yulo's left), retired chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, survived the raid. Note the polo shirt of General Jalandoni stained all over with blood and the white bandage on Dr. Alandy's forehead.



BATTLE-TESTED JEEP. — The jeep in the above photo was one of the vehicles that carried the escort of the Quezon party which was ambushed by the Huks yesterday morning. Teodoro Villadelgado, driver of the jeep, demonstrates what he did at the start of the shooting. Note the front glass of the vehicle pierced by a submachine-gun bullet.

SCENE OF AMBUSCADE. — The exact spot (at left) where Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party were ambushed on the road from Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, to Baler, Quezon province, is marked with an 'X'. The Quezon party was en route to Baler to attend the town fiesta and unveil an historical marker in honor of President Quezon.

Plea for Peace Among Last Acts Of Mrs. Quezon

An appeal for "peace, charity and good will, as well as respect for the law, among our own beloved people," was made by Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon only a few days before she was ambushed and killed by Huk.

The plea, which was her last, was directed to the Catholic world. It found ready response from local leading Catholics and prominent citizens but failed to penetrate passion-swept, blood-crazed Huklandia. She fell victim to this latest of Huk outrages, killed by her "own beloved people" whom her husband, the late President Manuel Quezon had served so well when he was living.

Mrs. Quezon's appeal and those who responded to it follow:

"The undersigned Catholics, mostly residents in the Archdiocese of Manila, have consulted the Archbishop of Manila, with the object of having special devotions, prayers, and sacrifices offered by all our brethren during the month of May, in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, to implore her powerful intercession for the protection of our holy religion, which is being so cruelly persecuted in many countries at the present time; to beseech through her powerful intercession world peace, which is threatened at the present time by another devastat-

ing war; and finally and very specially, to obtain peace and charity and good will, as well as respect for the law, amongst our own beloved people in the Philippine Islands.

"Encouraged by our kind reception, during which the Archbishop, speaking for his own Archdiocese, promised to cooperate, we now approach each and all of the members of the Hierarchy with a similar petition, promising that in all things the wishes of the Ordinary in each ecclesiastical jurisdiction will be promptly and exactly obeyed. During this coming month of May, may we suggest a special celebration in honor of Our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, which will occur on the 31st of May. We believe that a national novena beginning on Sunday, May 22nd, and ending on Monday, May 30th, to be crowned by a great general communion all over the Islands on May 31st, the feast of our Lady as Mediatrix of all graces, would make a most powerful appeal to Almighty God, especially when offered by a whole nation in honor of the Queen of Heaven.

"Of course, in all those things, we must follow the lead of Your Excellencies and be obedient to whatever conditions may be imposed in your diocese, but, may we beg the Archbishops, Bishops and Prefects Apostolic of the Philippine Hierarchy to initiate a movement in your respective diocese for special devotions and daily mortifications during this coming month of May. May we go further and ask for, first, the family rosary in all Catholic homes; second, mortifications, sacrifices, visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross, to be offered according to the devotion and convenience of our brethren; and third, perhaps pilgrimages to the different shrines of Our Lady, such as Antipolo, Peñafrancia, and Manawag, etc., etc.

"We offer our filial obedience and cooperation to the Hierarchy for the fulfillment of such a program, in case it should be approved, for a May dedicated solemnly to Our Lady with prayers and mortifications for the safety of the Church and its Supreme Pontiff, as well as for peace in the whole world, and especially in our own land."

The appeal carried the following signatures:

Dña. Aurora A. Quezon
Mariano J. Cuenco, President, Philippine Senate; Don Luis Ablaza, Ramon J. Araneta; Salvador Araneta; Manuel Moran, Chief Justice, Supreme Court; Mrs. Victoria L. de Araneta, Holder of Papal Medal; Santiago Artiga, Jr., Student Catholic Action; Elias M. Atariado; Antonio Avecilla, Emeterio Barcelon, Papal Knight; Eitel Baumann, Comptroller, Cath. Welfare Org.; F. Borromeo, Francisco R. Coquia, Gaudioso Gruel, Miguel Cuenco, Andres Deceplida, Legion of Mary; Pastor Endencia, Head, Confrere of St. V. de Paul; Jose Erastain, Gregorio Santos Espiritu; Mrs. Josefa G. Estrada, Advisory Council of the Catholic Action; Justice Feliciano Feria, Papal Knight; Miss Manuela Gay, Pres. Catholic Women's League; Miss Pilar A. Gonzales, Pax, Legion of Mary; Eusebio Gutierrez, Pres. Nocturnal Adoration; Francisco J. Joaquin, Knight of St. Sylvester; Atty. Carlos Hilado; Alex. Katigbak, Dr. Pedro Lantin, Gabriel La O, Papal Knight; Ricardo Ledesma, Justice Manuel Lim, Grand Knight, K of C; Celso Lobregat; Mrs. Maria Clara L. de Lobregat; Justo Lopez, Papal Knight; Mrs. Luisa R. de Lorenzo, 1st Vice Pres., C.W.L.; Pablo Lorenzo, Papal Knight; Andres Y. Luarca, President, 2nd Sunday Recollection; Enrique Fernandez Lumba; Manuel Manosa, Papal Knight; Vicente Marasigan; Norberto Mayo, Jose Melly, Jr., Pax Romana; Salvador

Mendoza, Pres. Senatus, Legion of Mary; Antonio M. Molina, Pres. Central Council, SCA; Fr. Mariano M. Montero, OFM Dir. Pision de S. Antonio; Dr. Eleno Olaguivel, Knight of St. Gregory; Atty. Francisco Ortigas, Jr.; Sabino Padilla, Secretary of Justice, Miss Maria Patrocinio Paez, Advisory Council of the Catholic Action, Domingo B. Paguirigan, Congressman for Isabela; Commander Chick Parsons, Atty. Jesus Paredes, Jr., Executive Secretary, CEAP; Juan A. Pastor, Papal Knight; Mrs. Marina R. Pelaez, Narciso Pimentel, Sigismundo Priouwer, Antonio Prieto, H. B. Reyes, President; Francisco Pastor Salazar, Papal Knight; Paulino Miranda Sampedro, Delegado de la Soberana Orden Militar de Malta; Jose P. Sandejas, Secretary, K of C; Ramon San Jose, Prior Order Tercera de Sto. Domingo; Mariano J. Santos, Pres. Apostolado de la Oracion; Fernando E. V. Slson, Justices Luis P. Torres; Mrs. L. L. de Ubald, National Treasurer, C.W.L.



SERIOUSLY HIT by bullets in the ambush, Philip Buenacampo III, son-in-law of Mrs. Quezon, arrived at the Cabanatuan provincial hospital at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. He died one hour and a half later due to loss of blood.



DEAD COME HOME.—Willing civilians, assisted by Constabulary enlisted men, facilitate the homeward journey of the dead victims of the ambush by placing the caskets which bore the remains inside the car belonging to the funeral parlor. The vehicle later brought the caskets to Manila where the remains now lie in state.



NEARER THE GRAVE.—The casket bearing the remains of one of the slain in the Baler ambush is shown being carried from a funeral van as soon as it arrived yesterday. The body now lies in state at the Funeraria Nacional. Funeral services in honor of the dead will be held this morning at the chapel of the University of Sto. Tomas.

OFF THE BEAT

By ERNESTO DEL ROSARIO

NAMELESS OUTRAGE

Mrs. Aurora Quezon was the mother of her country. Wherever the guilt for her murder lies, no hands have ever dripped with more innocent or nobler blood.

The outraged people will not listen to any reason for this most heinous of all crimes. They will not condone it. It is a crime that strikes at the hearts of each and everyone of us.

If, as General Ramon says, she was the victim of plain bandits then the guilt lies, too, with the Constabulary, of which he is the chief, and the government it serves — for failing to protect her and even for lulling her into confidence by assurances that peace and order reigns on the countryside.

If Mrs. Quezon and those who were murdered with her in cold blood were the victims of armed revolutionists, then these men — who would rationalize violence — have committed an atrocious act of irrationality.

Many will not be at ease with their conscience. The blood of Mrs. Quezon and her companions is on their hands, and the nation that will ever hold it against them will not countenance anything short of full justice for the culprits.

The weight of evidence points to dissidents as the perpetrators of this nameless crime. Between the conjecture of the chief of the Constabulary and the opinion of General Jalandoni, a survivor of the tragedy, General Jala-

oni's opinion that the ambushade was laid by Huks is the more credible. The ambushade was obviously well-planned; the armed band was well-organized and heavy in number; and the robbery committed on the dead bodies could have been perpetrated to hide a mistake. Luis Taruc will have to make a good accounting if he is to defend himself and his followers from the suspicion that falls on them. Not even the word of the commanding general of the government troops fighting against them are now believable.

Many an unknown man, woman and child, die every day in Central Luzon, victims of the conflict that rages there. It took the death of Mrs. Quezon to really shock the nation, not that whatever blood had been spilled before was less precious but that it demonstrated to what extent men will kill and to what extent law and order must go to protect the innocent and the hapless.

Mrs. Quezon, those who died with her and those who died before them are martyrs to the cause of peace and order. If their death is not to be in vain, then we must stop trying to solve the problem of Central Luzon with empty boastful words, and start solving it with decisive action. We cannot say that there is peace when there is terror and that there is order when there is neither intelligence nor foresight to maintain it.



VICTIMS OF AMBUSH THAT ROCKED THE NATION. The remains of Mrs. Quezon, brought to Manila for interment (top left), are borne by some of the survivors of the ambushade to the Funeraria Nacional where they lay for some time prior to transfer to the University of Sto. Tomas chapel. At top right, Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, former army chief of staff, and other survivors of the Muz ambush

pace the floors of the funeral parlor while awaiting the arrival of the mortal remains of those killed in the ambushade. Bottom, right photo, shows some of the survivors: (left to right) Mrs. Feligeta Amador, Mrs. Amparo de Angara, (Mrs. Quezon's sister), and Mrs. Clara de Zubla, all passengers of the third car from Mrs. Quezon's. At bottom, right, are more survivors of the ambushade, among them being Francisco Marquez, Dr. Luis Alandy and P. C. Guevarra.

Survivors Recount Treacherous Attack On Mrs. Quezon's Party

Survivors of the Huk ambushade of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon's party returned to Manila last evening and brought with them an eye-witness account of the treacherous attack on the party while it was going to Baler, Quezon.

General Rafael Jalandoni, former chief of staff of the Philippine army and lone survivor in Mrs. Quezon's car, said the group of outlaws fired a volley of shots at the defenseless occupants of Mrs. Quezon's car which was way ahead of the motorcade.

Gen. Jalandoni reported also that after the first volley Mayor Bernardo got out of the car and with raised hands yelled to the attackers: "Doña Aurora Quezon is in this party." The Quezon City executive was shot down and the attack was intensified, Jalandoni said.

"The ambush was so sudden that the Philippine constabulary escorts were not able to fire even a single shot," Jalandoni recounted. He said the car immediately stopped after the first volley of fire from the dissidents.

"I was about to draw my gun when a member of the gang hit my right face with the butt of his gun," he recalled, adding "I was the first in the party to be knocked down." He said the impact was so hard that it rendered him unconscious.

Jalandoni said that after regaining consciousness, he saw the lifeless bodies of Miss Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, Mrs. Quezon and Mayor Ponciano Bernardo piled on top of him. He said he did not know how he came out alive.

The former army chief of staff said the band looted the dead and wounded. He said the outlaws stripped Mrs. Quezon of all her jewelry and took his own wrist watch and gold identification wrist tag.

The former PA chief of staff said that after the smoke had cleared, the bodies of the victims together with the wounded were rushed to Cabanatuan. He said every available medical assistance was given to Philip Buencamino III, who was seriously wounded, but he (Buencamino) expired at 3 p.m. at the Cabanatuan provincial hospital.

Mrs. Amparo Aragon de Angara, one of Mrs. Quezon's two living sisters, told a tale of sudden death climaxed by a spectacular dash back to Bongabon in a jeep crowded with 13 persons.

"We were fourth or fifth in the motorcade," she said with little indication of the harrowing experience she had only recently gone through. "It must have been 10:30 a. m. when it began."

"Our station wagon carried five persons — Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, Dr. and Mrs. Francisco Vining, and Mrs. Francisco Vining, the driver and myself. In cuna, the driver and myself. In front of us was a jeep loaded with soldiers. There was another jeep said to have been cruising ahead of the former vehicle, another car and finally, at the head, Mrs. Quezon and her family."

"I remember telling our driver not to drive too fast because the dust made it hard to see what was ahead. But that was our order when we left for Baler, as far as I can remember: Mrs. Quezon, as I can remember, two jeeps, our automobile, two jeeps, our station wagon and several other vehicles."

"I was unable to tell the precise spot where it began. I remember the terrain looked rough and forbidding; thick underbrush and trees ranged along the course we followed. We had to draw in deep within the station wagon to keep away from the dust churned up by the vehicles in front of us."

"I think it was around a bend when the first warning shots reached our ears."

"There were two or three heights well above our motorcade, and even while we heard the vehicles in front screeching to a stop, bullets began to whine from those heights."

"There were shouts and loud cries, punctuated by staccato reports in rapid succession. Our station wagon lurched to a stop; and somehow we were able to crawl out of it. Bullets were kicking up dust all around as we sought cover in ditches and shallow along the roadside. I was too frightened even to think of what was happening ahead and

around us. It was plain to see that people were being killed; there were many voices raised in pain and anguish."

"As we lay around trying to burrow deeper away from the maddening fusillade which ripped into our area from the mountain tops and along the sides of the road, some soldiers rushed up from the rear."

"They ordered us to abandon our positions and to take to the rear and return to the town. Somehow an empty jeep was found."

"All five persons in our party piled inside, and eight others from other vehicles joined us. The firing grew more intense as we groped past the litter. Someone took the wheel and in a short time we were speeding away from the scene of the ambushade."

"I don't think there were any injured in our party."

"We reached Bongabon crushed and bruised. Someone helped me out; I felt very weak since Dr. Quisumbing and other equally hefty persons sat hard by me or on top."

"I remember saying that we should all go to church for prayer. We prayed for a long time. It was past noon when we emerged to find the bodies of Mrs. Quezon and others in the group had already been brought to town. Philip was not yet dead then. There were many whose clothes were stained with blood. But I could not tell nor count the dead and the wounded. I was too exhausted."

Another survivor of the cold-blooded ambushade was Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, director of national museum, who was riding in the second car just about 30 meters behind that of Mrs. Quezon's station wagon. He said his car stopped immediately after hearing the first volley of shots.

Dr. Quisumbing said the dissidents, numbering about 100, fired from all directions. The Huk fled, however, he said, when the constabulary soldiers arrived. Dr. Quisumbing recalled that all those in his car immediately got off when the shooting had cleared and assisted Gen. Jalandoni and PC soldiers in placing the bodies in one car.

Dr. Luis Alandy, administrator of Mrs. Quezon's estate in Baler and one of the survivors, confirmed that there were eight known dead in the party. He said Antonio Revejo, driver of Col. Primitivo San Agustin, was reported missing, presumably dead.

The reported death of Revejo brought the total casualties to 12, including one PC officer and two enlisted men.

Francisco D. Marquez, administrative officer of the department of agriculture and executive officer of the food production campaign, and P. C. Guevarra of the bureau of public works said they missed the shooting by about 20 minutes.

The two officials, who were riding in separate cars, said they got lost on the way. They recalled that when they were about to arrive at the scene of the shooting they met constabulary soldiers in a jeep who were on their way to get reinforcements from the Bongabon detachment. They said the soldiers told them to return.

Marquez and Guevarra said the incident took place at a treacherous terrain of Sierra Madre mountain near the boundary of Nueva Ecija and Quezon province

Marquez and Dr. Quisumbing said the party left Mrs. Quezon's residence at about 5:30 a. m. yesterday. There were about 30 persons in the group who were accommodated in 12 cars.

According to Marquez, the main mission of Mrs. Quezon and party was to unveil the historical marker at the birthplace of her husband, the late President Quezon, as well as to inaugurate the Baler memorial hospital and to attend the town fiesta. They said the fatal ambush occurred at 11:30 a. m.

They said the party stopped at Calanan, near the junction of the road branching to Bituloc in Laur, and asked constabulary personnel stationed there whether the way was safe. They were assured that the road was comparatively clear of possible danger from the dissidents, so the party resumed its way up to Baler.

Dr. Alandy said tension on account of the current constabulary campaign against outlaws in Nueva Ecija was noticeable, even at the provincial capital, Cabanatuan. Governor Juan Chiocho made a sad commentary on the present peace and order situation in the province when he asked bitterly from survivors if peace had been restored to his province as the constabulary high command claimed.

Alandy said also that the members of the party with Mrs. Quezon in Mayor Bernardo's Buick were shot in cold blood. Buencamino was fatally shot in the left arm pit with a high caliber gun. The weapon must have been pressed against his chest by his assailant because the flesh around the entry point of the bullet was burned, he added.

Marquez said the personnel of the department of agriculture and public works joined Mrs. Quezon in different missions. He said the public works officials were scheduled to inspect irrigation and flood control, while the agriculture officials were on a seven-day inspection of a land for mechanized farming and general food production.

Another eyewitness who was in the thick of the ambush but who miraculously survived is Joaquin Villadelgado, chauffeur of Mrs. Quezon since 1946. After the shooting, he drove the jeep he was driving to Cabanatuan and later from Cabanatuan to Manila alone.

He arrived at Malacañan shortly before 8 p. m., his khaki shirt and pants splattered with blood stains. He said there were three others with him in the jeep, which was the fourth vehicle from Mrs. Quezon's car. Two of his passengers were killed but one, whose name he did not know, survived.

The youthful chauffeur said the convoy was going up a hill along a zig-zag road at kilometer 168 when the ambushade took place. Firing was from the elevated ridges on both sides of the road, but the chauffeur said "bullets came from all directions." In the first volley he saw Col. San Agustin and his lone companion in the jeep just ahead of his, killed instantly.

The chauffeur said that when he realized it was an ambush he jumped out of the car into a ditch on the side of the road. After the firing had died down, an armed man came and stood right over him and poised his rifle to shoot. At that moment, however, one of the ambushers yelled: "The PCs are coming" and the man ran away.

Checking up, after the outlaws had withdrawn, the chauffeur said that he thought every one in Mrs. Quezon's car had been killed but later he saw that Gen. Jalandoni was alive.

Villadelgado drove the same jeep from the ambush scene, first to Cabanatuan and then to Manila. It had a large hole on the right side of its windshield, two other holes just below the windshield and a score of holes on the sides and on the top of the jeep.

Villadelgado is 28 years old and resides with his wife and four children on Arizona street, Quezon City. He has been a driver for Mrs. Quezon since 1946, driving mostly for Manuel Quezon, Jr.

Hilarion S. Silayan, member of the President's Action Committee on Social Amelioration, also was with the party to look into the different phases of the agency in Baler. He was unscathed, however.

Solons Indignant Over Ambush, Urge Strong Action Against Huk

Members of congress yesterday mourned the death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and 11 members of her party in a Huk ambush and urged stronger military action against dissidents in central Luzon.

Senators Tomas Cabili and Fernando Lopez said the government should declare martial law in at least the province of Nueva Ecija because of the tragic incident.

Acting Senate President Mariano J. Cuenco and Senator Pablo Angeles David suggested the detail of more constabulary soldiers in the troubled areas to assure protection to the inhabitants.

The tragedy that befell Mrs. Quezon and her party, Senator Jose O. Vera declared, should move congress to take immediate measures to restore peace and order in the central provinces.

Senator David was bitterly critical of the peace and order policy of President Quirino which he claimed to be ineffective. He said the ambush of the late First Lady disproved the assertion of the President that there was peace in central Luzon.

The Pampanga senator attacked the strategy of Secretary of Interior Sotero Baluyot of driving the Huk to the mountains and letting the mosquitoes liquidate them. He said it is the product of childish thinking. David also charged Governor Jose Lingad of Pampanga with devoting more of his time on politics than in the pacification campaign.

Acting Senate President Cuenco said: "The Filipino people will mourn the death of Mrs. Quezon. She devoted all her efforts to her country. In the last few years, she was active in social and Red Cross work."

"The assault was without justification, considering that she and her late husband were model landlords and friendly to their tenants, even those whom they knew to be Communists. What happened shows that the Huk were not fighting for agrarian reforms but resorting to violence for other ends."

Senator Cabili: "The death of Mrs. Quezon is a loss to the nation. She consecrated her life to the social amelioration of the masses. The incident is very shocking. There should be martial law in Nueva Ecija."

Senator Lopez: "I consider Mrs. Quezon's death a great loss to our country. She has rendered an invaluable service to our people as the wife of a great President and later as head of the Red Cross. Mrs. Quezon was an advocate of clean and honest government."

"The government should proclaim martial law or prescribe curfew hours in Central Luzon. It should undertake strong military action against the dissidents."

Senator Vera: "I am shocked by the report of the killing of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party in an ambush by bandits. The tragedy should move congress to take firm action for the restoration of peace and order."

Indignation swept the lower house yesterday as the shocking news of the Huk attack on Mrs. Quezon and her companions reached the floor. Deliberations on the impeachment charges against President Quirino were overshadowed as congressmen restlessly discussed the massacre and started formulating drastic measures against the Huk.

A group of congressmen started preparing a resolution declaring total war against the Huk and asking the President for immediate mobilization of all armed forces for a campaign of extermination.

Congressman Timoteo Ricohermoso (L-Marinduque) even advocated the use of poison gas "to stifle this evil from our midst."

Congressmen who were for pruning the 1950 national budget took steps to increase the appropriations of the constabulary and other peace and order agencies because they said "it is now clear that we cannot take a chance on half-hearted measures against the Huk."

Many congressmen condemned the false sense of security engendered by constabulary and army reports to the effect that the Huk were under control and that peace and order existed in central Luzon. One congressman was preparing a resolution seeking an investigation of the constabulary for reporting that peace had been established.

Still another congressman wanted an investigation of the officer responsible for escorting Mrs. Quezon's motorcade to Baler.

In the midst of indignation and confusion, it was gathered that house leaders may be forced to call a conference to centralize the various resolution being proposed.

Statements of various congressmen are as follows:

Speaker Eugenio Perez: "This is a most regrettable incident. We all deeply mourn the death of the most distinguished lady of our

land. We all know how much she has contributed through signal service in the fields of charity, social work and religion. We can never fill the void created by Mrs. Quezon's unexpected departure."

Floor Leader Raul Leuterio: "The news is shocking beyond words. Mrs. Quezon was dearly beloved and respected by all the Filipino people."

Speaker Pro-Tempore Francisco Ortega: "We have lost the most distinguished woman of our generation."

Minority Floor Leader Cipriano Primicias: "The news is blood curdling. The manner of Mrs. Quezon's death should cause a revulsion of feeling throughout the land. Her trip through Huklandia must have been caused by the repeated and misleading statements on peace and order."

Rep. Constancio Padilla (D-Nueva Ecija): "The incident happened in my district in the most dangerous and wildest part of central Luzon. I see no reason why they ventured there. It would have been better if Mrs. Quezon were not escorted by the constabulary. Perhaps Mrs. Quezon and Baby Quezon would have been held up but released later because Mrs. Quezon was respected even by the Huk. There is no doubt that the assailants were Huk."

Rep. Cornelio Villareal (L-Capiz), chairman of the committee on un-Filipino activities: "I believe the government should use all resources to stamp out lawlessness. This shocking incident should serve as a bitter lesson to many Filipinos who have been showing some sympathy for the Huk. Sometimes, it takes as rude a shock as this to wake us up."

Truman Shocked By Mrs. Quezon's Death, Says 'It Is Awful'

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP). —President Truman said today he was shocked at the news of the slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter "Baby" and others in her party.

The President learned of the tragedy during a press conference. When asked to comment, President Truman, appearing quite shocked, said "it was awful."

The Philippine embassy was closed for the day. The Philippine flag was at half-mast out of respect for Mrs. Quezon.

Minister Emilio Abello commented: "It is an outrage. We are glad President Quirino had given orders that the perpetrators be brought to justice."

Mrs. Carlos P. Romulo said it "was a tragic mistake. I am sure the attack was intended for someone else. No one in the Philippines would want to kill Mrs. Quezon who was a great leader among her people."



OVERCOME BY GRIEF. Senator Geronima Peeson, photographed in the senate shortly after she heard of the murder of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party. She was so shocked and overcome by grief that she slumped into the nearest seat.



SOLONS HEAR OF AMBUSCADE. Congressman Tomas Morato (right) tells congressmen about the brutal slaying of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party. Reaction in the halls of congress was violent, and included a move for total war against the outlaws.

Ambuscade Comes Close On Heels Of New PC Commander's 1st Confab

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CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, April 28.—This morning's atrocious Huk ambuscade—slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon and son-in-law Philip Buencamino III and several others came on the heels of the first peace and order conference of Governor Juan Chioco and other officials of this province, with the new PC commander, Lt. Col. Angel Magallanes, who relieved Col. Demetrio Camua two days ago.

In this conference, every one clamored for the immediate restoration of peace and order in the province as the rainy season is not far off and more than half of the 400 barrios of Nueva Ecija have been abandoned by tenants. The farmers refuse to return to the barrios without adequate government protection.

Col. Magallanes pledged to do his best but appealed for cooperation of the officials and the people.

Governor Chioco told the conference the Huk problem was "worse than the Hibokhibok eruption where the government spent much attention and money." He

emphasized that the situation was explosive. He said he was ready to go out in the field with the government forces in a drive against the Huks. If necessary, he said, he would organize 5,000 former guerrillas to participate in the campaign provided the government supplied them with arms. Board Member Sixto Lustre said the people were not cooperating because they have no faith in the government that failed to give them true justice and protection. He said they were afraid to report the Huk movement because the government could not give them adequate protection in the event of Huk reprisals.

Huk Ambush Brings To Tragic End Mrs. Quezon's Acts For People's Good

Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon was born on Feb. 19, 1888 in Baler, Tayabas (now Quezon province). Her parents were Pedro Aragon and Zeneida Molina. She attended the parochial school of the town until she was 15 when her cousin, Manuel L. Quezon accompanied her to Manila to study. She enrolled in the Philippine Normal School on Taft Avenue and finished the teacher's course.

Opposition to the marriage of Aurora to Manuel was put up by Mrs. Quezon's mother, a sister of Quezon's mother. A year after the death of Manuel's Aunt Zeneida, on Dec. 14, 1918, the Quezons were married in a quiet ceremony held in Hongkong.

In Quezon's memoirs, *The Good Fight*, the late President summed up his life with Aurora as "twenty-four years of married life with

the same wife have proved that matrimonial happiness does not depend upon the noise of the wedding. Nor for that matter upon closing one's eyes to the sight of other beauties and running away from their company during one's engagement."

Four children were born to the Quezons—Maria Aurora (Baby), Maria Zeneida (Nini), Pacita (who died at the age of 10 months), and Manuel Jr., (Nonong).

Mrs. Quezon always gave a ready ear to the people who solicited her help and support, especially when it concerned charity and the general welfare of the community. She lent her name and prestige to various woman organizations by accepting posts as honorary president or chairman. At the time of her death she was honorary president of the Catholic Women's League, Club de Damas de Manila and the Young Ladies Association of Charity of which her daughter, Baby, was president of the council.

She was closely associated with religious activities and worked zealously as chairman of the committee for the reconstruction of the Antipolo church. To help attain and maintain the new status of the Philippines as an independent member of the Red Cross, she lent her services to the country by serving as national chairman and head of the board of governors of the PNRC.

Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon was born on Sept. 23, 1919. She studied at St. Theresa's College with her sister, Nini, up to the seventh grade. Later they went to the Assumption Convent of Manila where both finished high school. In the University of Santo Tomas, alma mater of her father, Baby took up bachelor of arts then the study of law. She passed the bar examinations last year.

In life Baby contributed her bit to society and charity, acting as chairman of ladies' committees in soliciting aid for various clubs. She was closely identified with the Volunteer Social Aid Committee of which Miss Lourdes Alunan is now president. She assisted the group in raising money for the veterans and giving them cheer during the years following liberation. She was a close adherent of the Girl Scouts movement in the Islands. But most of her time was taken up by the Young Ladies of Charity which she helped to found. A total of 142 schools scattered all over the country under the sponsorship of the YLAC takes care of the religious education as well as the curricular study of thousands of underprivileged children.

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A People In Sorrow

A people cowers in sorrow today. Never before in remembered history has this people suffered such a blow.

The most revered woman in the land, her daughter, ten others, were massacred, while travelling on a public road. These are the facts.

They cannot be explained, they cannot be excused, they cannot be rationalized.

The killers knew whom they were killing. All the evidence points that way. They were told. Yet they killed.

It is fatuous to make distinctions. It is fatuous to say that the killers were this and that, and not that and this.

The simple fact stares out, that this was premeditated attack, carefully arranged to bring the maximum of attacking force on the prey which the attackers knew was going to be at a certain place at a certain time.

Dna. Aurora Aragon de Quezon, the widow of Manuel L. Quezon, was murdered. The quiet, shining lamp that held before the people the memory of that flaming light of freedom that was Quezon, was murdered.

Aurora Quezon, that bright, sparkling flash that was such a vivid reflection of a world-great father, was murdered.

Ten other innocent people were murdered.

And a people cowers in sorrow — and waits — for more murders?



Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon and Major Francisco Benavides

Dna. Aurora, Baby Quezon, 10 Others, Murdered

Quirino Orders All-Out Campaign—
Eye-Witnesses Give Details Of Massacre—
Bandits Rob Murdered Women's Bodies

The country was shocked yesterday at the report of the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, widow of President Manuel L. Quezon, and showed indignation at the massacre at the hands of a band of supposed Hukos who machine-gunned her and the members of her party on the highway leading to Baler, Quezon province, in broad daylight.

THE DEAD

1. Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon
2. Miss Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon
3. Felipe Buencamino, III
4. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo
5. Col. Primitivo San Agustin
6. Col. Antonio San Agustin
7. Lieut. Joaquin R. Laxam
8. Corporal Quirino Almarines
9. Corporal Brigido Valdez
10. Lieut. Juan Molina
11. Pedro Fayame, Quezon family cook
12. Lieut. D. Marabelo

THE WOUNDED

1. General Rafael Jalandoni
2. Captain Olimpio Manalang
3. Corporal Raymundo Silverio

The massacre occurred about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning as the motorcade of about 11 cars was ambushed by a heavily armed force when they were nearing Baler, Quezon province. Mrs. Quezon's party were on the way to the late President's hometown to inaugurate a marker that the government, on orders of President Quirino, had ordered to designate the spot where the wartime Filipino leader was born.

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citizen, indignation was expressed throughout the length and breadth of the country at the manner the members of the Quezon family met their death.

From Baguio, where the President has been sojourning since Palm Sunday, the *Manila Times* correspondent reported that Mrs. Quezon's death has prompted President Quirino to open an unrelenting war against the Huks and other bandits. He ordered an immediate mobilization of the armed forces on a war without quarter on dissidents. The President expressed doubt whether the murderers were Huks.

Members of both houses of the Congress also expressed indignation at the massacre. The incident appeared to have revised general opinion among legislators regarding plans to slash constabulary and army appropriations. Many of them last night expressed conformity with the budget proposals of the President involving armed forces outlays in order to enable them to combat the Huks.

The members of Mrs. Quezon's party, in 14 vehicles, left Manila at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning for Baler, Quezon, to inaugurate a marker ordered by President Quirino to mark the spot in Baler where the late President Quezon was born.

In the leading car, Col. Antonio San Agustin was behind the steering wheel. Immediately to his right was Felipe Buencamino, III while Miss Baby Quezon sat next to Philip.

In the back seat were Mrs. Quezon, who was behind Antonio San Agustin. Next to her sat General Jalandoni, who was in the middle, and Mayor Ponciano Bernardo. Of the six persons in the automobile, only General Jalandoni survived.

Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni who was with the party of Mrs. Quezon, escaped death by sheer miracle. The former AFP chief of staff said he was seated beside Mrs. Quezon at the rear of the car while Mayor Ponciano Bernardo was at the other end when the attack came so suddenly.

Up to late last night, the 1st PC combat battalion under the personal command of Lt. Col. Napoleon D. Valeriano and elements of the Nueva Ecija PC continued combing the vicinity of the ambush area with armored cars and on foot in search of the ambushers. Capt. Burgosino Fausto of the Nueva Ecija PC had come upon the ambush gang a few minutes after the incident broke out.

The place of the attacks, according to the general, was in Nueva Ecija a few miles from the Quezon boundary on the of Bongabon. Col. Antonio San Agustin, sweepstakes official, was at the wheel. Baby Aurora Quezon sat beside him, and Philip Buencamino III was at the opposite end in the front seat. The car was owned by Mayor Bernardo.

After the sudden barrage from outside, Tony San Agustin was first hit and he slumped dead, General Jalandoni narrated. Mrs. Quezon and Mayor Bernardo mortally wounded, fell on Jalandoni who presently lost consciousness when he was hit in the head by the butt of a gun presumably from one of the ambushers on the road.

Gen. Jalandoni recalled because of the abruptness of the attack, the soldiers inside three escorts following the car in which Mrs. Quezon rode, could not re-



Buencamino III P. San Agustin

mily, was deserted when the firing occurred. Its occupants ran to the other cars behind. Later, constabulary soldiers carried the bodies of the dead and wounded from the first two cars and distributed them to the other cars, Silayan said.

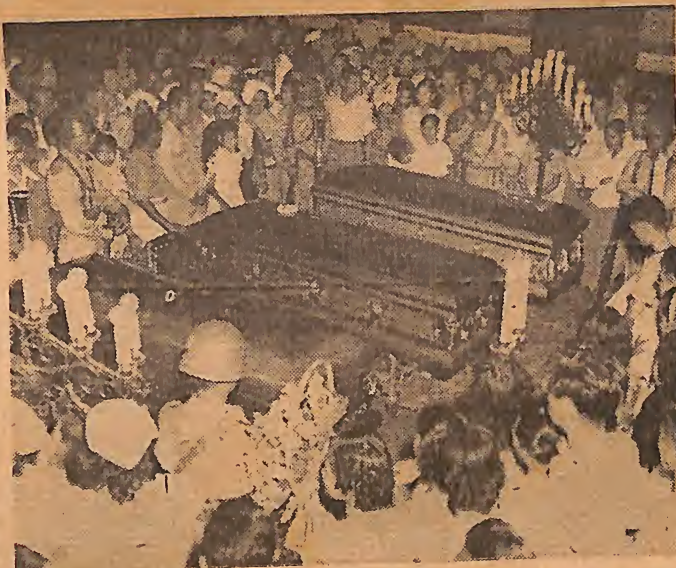
Silayan's car was the seventh in the motorcade, and it was about two kilometers behind when the shooting took place. Silayan said he and his companion in the car, Arturo Nitorreda, district engineer of Nueva Ecija, heard the rat-tat-tat of machine guns.

A few minutes later they saw the cars in front of them returning and warning all the rest to turn back.

The following were not wounded: Miss Amparo Aragon, sister of Mrs. Quezon, Mrs. Enriqueta Amador, former Governor and Mrs. Maximo Rodriguez, Mrs. Sixto de la Costa, Dr. Luis Alandy, and Pedro Alcantara.

Judge Sixto de la Costa, legal counsel of the Rehabilitation Finance Corporation, was not with the party. Earlier reports stated that he was with the party and was killed.

Silayan said that he was saved from certain death by two blow-outs on the way. He said his car



The bodies of Mrs. Quezon, Miss Quezon and Philip Buencamino III draw crowds at the UST chapel.

ro A. Quezon and her daughters scene and brought back in a station wagon. Some of the onlookers were moved to tears, and most of them just stood by and watched, unable to express even their shock.

Capt. Constante Cruz, press relations officer of the Philippine Constabulary, late yesterday afternoon told the *Manila Times* that a PC force headed by Capt. Burgosino Fausto rushed to the scene of the ambush upon receipt of the news and combed the area for the dissidents.

Contact was established in the afternoon and a "fire fight" was in progress at 5:30 p.m., according to the PC spokesman. No further details about the encounter were available.

The President's statement on the incident follows:

"I received shocking news with the feeling that it was the news of the death of my own mother. I offered the use of my plane to Mrs. Quezon and party, which was going to attend the fiesta in Baler but she refused. I understand there were eight cars in the party that left Manila. People evidently were informed ahead of time about Mrs. Quezon's arrival. I am not sure this ambush was by Huks. If they knew before hand that it was Mrs. Quezon's party, they would not harm her because the Huks like Mrs. Quezon. To me it is pure banditry and the whole country is enraged because of this incident. I have ordered the immediate concentration of armed forces not only in Nueva Ecija but in the vicinity to clean up the whole region of bandits. I have asked Mr. Yulo to make preliminary arrangements as my personal representative for the disposition of the bodies of the dead as well as the care of the wounded before I go down to Manila early tomorrow.

"I will attend personally in Manila to all necessary arrangements and discuss more expeditious measures to be adopted in connection with this most unfortunate incident to a family very much loved by the entire Filipino people. I know the whole country mourns Mrs. Quezon's death. She was a real mother to her people."

Special to THE MANILA TIMES

CABANATUAN, April 32.—The people here received the news of the ambush with bitterness and hatred as reports were circulated by Dr. Jesus Salumbides, chief of the local Red Cross chapter, that Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo of Quezon City, a native of Nueva Ecija, was cut down mercilessly by the dissidents while he was pleading with them to stop firing.

He told the dissidents the car was carrying Mrs. Quezon. The dissidents centered the fire on Mrs. Quezon's car.

People from Santa Rosa where Mayor Bernardo was born could not believe the story of the ambush.

Residents lined the streets as the vehicles carrying the bodies of the victims bound for Manila passed. Many of the people were moved to tears.

Dr. Salumbides received the account of the attack.

It said that Mayor Bernardo immediately left the car and pleaded with the dissidents. Bernardo was shot. His fallen body was covered with dust.

Mrs. Enriqueta Angara Vda. de Amador, and elder sister of Mrs. Quezon, and Dr. Alandy, who were reported as wounded, ar-

to attend the celebrations for the inauguration of the hospital there, and the discovery of the new marker in the place where President Quezon was born. They were to remain in Baler until May 2, to attend the second anniversary of the church which was built with the money of Mrs. Quezon.

Mrs. Josefina Martinez Bernardo, widow of Mayor Bernardo, of Quezon City received the news of the death of her husband at 4:00 p.m. yesterday while she was in the family residence at Mataba St., Cubao, Quezon City.

She could not at first believe that her husband was dead, but when a second call from a friend was received in the house, she burst into tears and closeted herself in the room.

Mayor Bernardo left eight children, the eldest, Carolina, and the other in order of their ages were: Josefina, Ponciano, Jr., Emmanuel, Juliet, Reynaldo, Maria Aurora and Cherry.

The first to relate to the press a factual account of the bloody ambush was Teodoro Villadelgado, chauffeur of Mrs. Quezon who drove the fourth car (jeep) in the party.

One of the few known survivors of the massacre, Villadelgado was driving Mrs. Quezon's jeep bearing plate No. 7470, with two members of the party he could not identify.

He said Mrs. Quezon was in a car (Mayor Bernardo's) which was at the head of the column, followed by three jeeps. Villadelgado's jeep was the fourth in the column and right behind the jeep where Col. Primitivo San Agustin who was being driven by another chauffeur.

The two members of the party who rode in Villadelgado's jeep were killed. After his miraculous escape from the ambush, the driver turned back his bullet-ridden jeep to Cabanatuan. He left Cabanatuan at 4:10 p.m. and arrived at Malacañan at 7:30 in the evening.

Villadelgado, who is known as Master Nonong Quezon's driver, reported to Secretary Evangelista upon arrival at Malacañan. His khaki pants and shirts were stained with blood, which he said must have come from his passengers who were killed.

Looking pale and haggard after his terrifying experience, Villadelgado was taken to the Malacañan garage and given a cup of hot coffee. While taking his coffee, he managed to answer a barrage of questions which a crowd of reporters and onlookers directed at him. Here's his story.

"I remember we were driving near kilometer 168 (from Manila) when we were attacked. The road was winding up. Without any warning, I heard machine gun fire from the top of an incline overlooking us and from all around us.

"The first casualty I saw was Col. Primitivo San Agustin who was in the jeep in front of me. He died instantly, with a bullet in the head. His driver was killed, too.

"When I saw the dead around me, I got scared stiff. I jumped out of my jeep and prepared to hide my watch while I was seeking cover. I thought if the bandits did not find any valuable in my possession, they would not kill me.

Truman Shocked By Tragedy

WASHINGTON, April 29. (AP) —President Truman said today he was shocked at the news of the slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter Baby and others in her party.

The President learned of the tragedy during a press conference. When asked to comment, President Truman, appearing quite shocked, said "It was awful."

The Philippine embassy was closed for the day. The Philippine flag was at halfmast out of respect for Mrs. Quezon.

Minister Emilio Abello commented "It is an outrage. We are glad President Quirino had given orders that the perpetrators be brought to justice."

Quezon Family Funerals Today

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Miss Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino III will be completed by the committee of 15 headed by former Speaker Jose Yulo at 8 this morning. The meeting will take place in the Council of State room.

Interment will take place at 4 p.m. today.

Masses will be said at the UST chapel today beginning at 6 a.m. The last mass will be said at 9 or 9:30 a.m. with President Quirino attending. He is coming down from Baguio.

Bishop Rufino Santos will officiate at the 9 or 9:30 a.m. mass. He will also perform the last blessing at the cemetery.

The committee is composed of former Speaker Jose Yulo, Dr. Manuel Lim, Miss Manuela Gay, Mrs. Francisca Benitez, Secretary Primitivo Lovina, Delfin Buencamino, Senator Lorenzo Tañada, Rep. Tomas B. Morato, Mayor Manuel de la Fuente, Aurelio Interias, Felipe Buencamino II, Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda, General Mariano N. Castañeda, Dr. Antonio G. Sison and Minister Ramon J. Fernandez.

Mrs. Francisca Benitez is calling on all organizations and schools to send the head of each or a representative to register at the UST sacristy if they care to take part in the vigil for Mrs. Quezon or Miss Quezon.

The Ateneo Alumni Association, the Malacañan Press Association and the Department of Foreign Affairs will take care of the vigil for Buencamino.

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Gen Jalandoni recalled the scene of the ambushes of the soldiers inside three jeeps following the car in which Mrs. Quizon rode, could not recall. The soldiers were killed instantly as they sat inside their jeeps.

General Jalandoni said Mayor Bernardo told the attackers in Tagalog Mrs. Quizon was with the party. Notwithstanding the admission, the barrage continued.

The general also disclosed that the bandits stripped Mrs. Quizon's body of the jewels she wore. The gang also robbed Jalandoni of his signet ring while he was unconscious.

Jalandoni said he was inclined to believe the attackers were Huk from the systematic way the ambush was carried out. There were apparently machine-gun emplacements and machine-guns, Thompsons, Garands, and carbines were used, he said.

The car in which Mrs. Quizon was riding in was ahead of the convoy of jeeps because the President's widow preferred it that way so as not to catch the dust on the country road, the general told newsmen.

At a meeting in the office of Secretary Evangelista last night, Secretary of Justice Sabino Paredilla was reported to have made the suggestion clamping martial law in the area of the ambush but Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, PC chief, observed the incident was localized and that the situation was well under control. General Ramos told the Times reinforced PC troops have been ordered to the area between Nueva Ecija and Quezon to control the bandits and account for the last outlaw who took part in the ambush.

Hilarion Silayan, one of the members of the party, returned to Manila early last evening. As Silayan gathered from General Jalandoni, the first car bearing Mrs. Quizon, Miss Aurora (Baby) Quizon, Philip Buencamino III, and General Jalandoni himself was stopped by a man, apparently one of the ambush party, who planned himself in the middle of the road. When General Jalandoni got out of the car to inquire, the man struck him with a rifle butt on the face which sent the former chief of staff of the Philippine Army crashing to the ground. When he came to, the general saw the dead bodies of Mrs. Quizon and Miss Quizon in the car and constabulary soldiers around.

The second vehicle in the motorcade according to Silayan, was a jeep occupied by the San Agustin brothers, who were both killed. Silayan did not know who occupied the third car.

The fourth car, a station wagon driven by Dr. Luis Alandy, private physician of the Quezon family, was also taken.

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Silayan said that he was saved from certain death by two blow-outs on the way. He said his car was third from the Quezon car when he suffered his first blowout and had to change a tire. This delayed him and put him back several cars behind. About a half hour later another blowout occurred, and this second accident relegated him again farther down the line, placing him seventh in the line of cars.

Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, one of the survivors, narrated last night that he was first made aware of the ambush when he heard a faint shot fired in the air, which he said could have been a signal. It was instantly followed by a volley and answering shots from the PC escort.

Dr. Quisumbing said he was in a car about 15 yards behind Mrs. Quizon's car and that he did not see the attackers whom he said, "could have been Huk, but I'm not sure. Anyway, they were bad men." He was aware at the time, however, that the raid was conducted at close range and the brief battle was almost a hand to hand encounter.

At the start of the trip, Mr. Quisumbing's car was second in the entourage, but was elbowed out later by two PC jeeps, in one of which was Primitivo San Agustin and his driver, both of whom were killed.

When the firing started, Quisumbing said, and after some fifteen minutes or so, managed to gather about twelve persons, including Mrs. Amparo Aragon and Mrs. Quizon's sister, in side one jeep and drove further down the zigzag trail.

Dr. Quisumbing came to the Funderaria National last night, his clothes still spattered with blood, and was the center of a great throng who clustered about the "man who got out of it alive."

According to the doctor, Gen. Jalandoni, out of the entire PC detachment, escaped with a minor bruise which he received when hit with the butt of a gun and was rendered unconscious. The survivors returned to the scene of the tragedy after the attackers had fled to find the victims shorn of their jewelry and cash. Gen. Jalandoni's wallet was also taken.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
BAGUIO, April 28. — President Quirino today announced that the Philippine Constabulary and the Philippine Army will launch joint offensive operations on all lawless elements "without quarter," and will scour the countryside and mountains fastnesses to root out organized dissidents.

The President expressed deep sorrow over the death of Mrs. Aurora.

make preliminary arrangements as my personal representative for the disposition of the bodies of the dead as well as the care of the wounded before I go down to Manila early tomorrow.

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CABANATUAN, April 28.—Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quizon, widow of President Quizon, her daughter "Baby," her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III, two Philippine Constabulary majors, and five others were killed this morning 60 kilometers northeast of the town of Bongabong, this province, on the road to Baler, when a strong force of dissidents, believed to be Huk, ambushed and massacred the party. The ambushade took place at about 10 o'clock this morning. The party, headed by Mrs. Quizon, was on its way to Baler, where Mrs. Quizon was scheduled to unveil a town market.

Among those killed were Majors Primitivo San Agustin and Antonio San Agustin, both of the PC, who were with the PC escort. Juan Molina, one of the drivers of the convoy of cars, was slain on the spot.

Those who escaped unhurt were Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, Dr. Francisco Bigornia and his wife, Director Hilarion Silayan and Dr. Luis Alandy, who were among those unhurt, immediately returned to Bongabong after the ambush.

General Rafael Jalandoni, retired chief of staff of the Philippine Army, was struck with a rifle butt by one of the dissidents as they closed in on their victims. Jalandoni slumped behind the wheel, unconscious and was given up for dead by the dissidents. He regained consciousness some minutes after the ambush.

General Jalandoni said that the attack was as sudden as it was swift. The first volley from the unseen ambush sprayed the first car with bullets bearing Doña Aurora, Baby Quizon and Mayor San Agustin, and Mayor Bernardo. General Jalandoni was driving the car.

Mrs. Quizon, Baby Quizon and Mayor Bernardo were killed on the spot by the first volley. As one of the dissidents approached, General Jalandoni drew his gun in an effort to kill his attacker. Before he could draw, he was hit in the head with a rifle butt. Jalandoni slumped behind the wheel, unconscious. Believing he was dead, the dissident ran to the other cars to see the rest of the members of the party.

Driver Juan Payumo of the third car was seriously wounded. Occupants of the fourth car, Dr. Alandy, Dr. Bigornia and Dr. Quisumbing, and Mrs. Angara, an elder sister of Doña Aurora, managed to escape unhurt. Seeing that the cars ahead came to a dead stop as bullets pierced their sides, Car No. 4 backed out and then made a U-turn, speeding away from the scene. The dissidents were apparently determined to kill every member of the party in the first three cars.

Interviewed today at the hospital, surviving members of the party were unable to give any coherent account of the massacre or give any details.

A visibly moved crowd, headed by Governor Juan O. Chiocho and Board Member Sixto Lustre and other provincial officials, viewed the bodies in the provincial hospital which were retrieved from the

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Mrs. Enriqueta Angara Vda. de Amador, and elder sister of Mrs. Quizon, and Dr. Alandy, who were reported as wounded, arrived in Manila last night unhurt.

Mrs. Amador told the Times that the attack was most brutal and most inhuman. She and Dr. Alandy were riding in the same station wagon with Dr. Alandy driving. They were saved from death because, at the first volley, they left the car and hid themselves under the car.

Mrs. Amador added that the dissidents, not contented with the killing of Doña Aurora and her daughter "Baby" Quizon, and others in her car, robbed their victims of all valuables. The robbery was discovered only when some members of the party found that all the jewels that Doña Aurora was wearing, including her rings, earrings, necklace, and money in the bag, as well as those of Mayor Bernardo and Baby Quizon were stolen by the dissidents.

Mrs. Amador said that she was beside Philip when he died. His last words were: "Enriqueta, please take a good care of my darlings," referring to his wife, the former Zepaida Quizon, and baby.

Seven bodies, including those of Doña Aurora, her daughter, Baby; Philip Buencamino, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Col. Primitivo San Agustin, and Antonio San Agustin, and a driver arrived in Manila at 7:10 o'clock last night. They were taken directly to the Funderaria National in Rizal Avenue.

A large crowd went to the funeral parlor to view the remains and talk to the members of the party. So large was the crowd that the police had to suspend the traffic on Rizal Avenue and to close the Funderaria.

Mrs. Sixto de la Costa, wife of Judge de la Costa, and Maximo Rodriguez were saved, because they were left behind as they lost their way.

In the first car, a Pontiac station wagon were Mrs. Amparo Aragon Vda. de Angara, sister of Doña Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Villacuna, director of the Quezon General Hospital in Lucena, and Dr. Quisumbing.

The other cars which were following them were Dr. Alandy in the wheel, Mrs. Enriqueta Angara Viuda de Amador, and a driver.

There was another jeep behind driven by Mayor Pedro Alcantara, followed by another jeep with 5 or 6 PC soldiers.

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"While I was in the act of hiding my watch, I saw men about two steps away from me, looking down at me from an elevated position. One of them wanted to kill me and prepared to aim. Then I heard someone shout, 'Don't kill him!'"

"Suddenly a man shouted at the top of the voice, 'PC! PC! PC!'"

"The bandits withdrew hurriedly firing back at them. When the soldiers arrived, I gathered enough courage and stood up. I rushed to Mrs. Quizon's car and saw her dead, hit at the back of her head. They also killed Mayor Ponciano Bernardo. The only passenger in the death car who escaped unscathed was General Jalandoni.

"Col. Antonio San Agustin, who was driving the car, was killed on the spot. I saw Philip Buencamino III at San Agustin's right, slumped on his seat, while Baby Quizon remained sprawled on her seat."

After finishing his story, Villalago was asked, "What do you think saved you?"

Without any hesitation, the driver replied, "The PC's, sir."

Red Cross Grieves Death Of Da. Aurora

News of the death of the Quezon family, which came as a great blow to the Philippine National Red Cross which, under her stewardship, emerged as an independent entity in April 15, 1947. Flags at PNRC headquarters, corner of Taft Avenue and Isaac Peral, were lowered at half-mast while PNRC personnel maintained an all-night vigil.

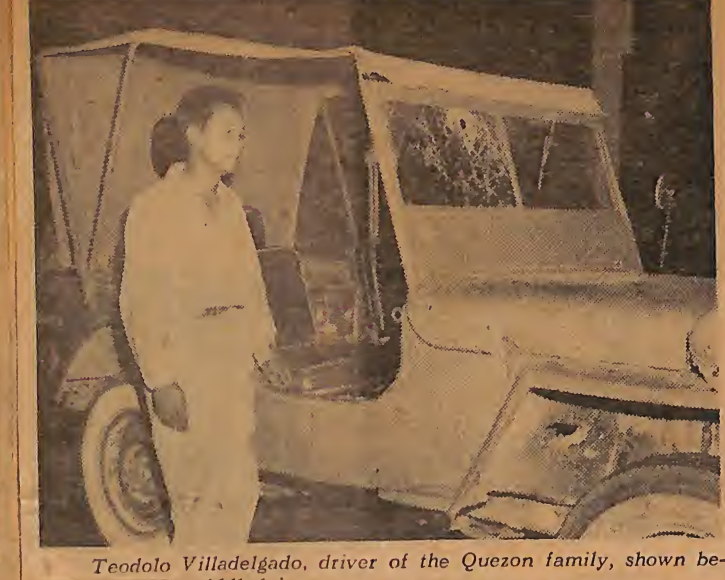
Dr. Manuel Lim, PNRC vice-chairman, and Gabriel Daza, PNRC secretary-treasurer, when informed by Dr. Yanzon of the catastrophe, were shocked and rendered speechless for a few seconds. Together with Dr. Yanzon, they expressed their grief variously, but with the same meaning.

The Red Cross also issued a frantic appeal for blood donors yesterday which was urgently needed to save the lives of the injured hospitalized in Cabanatuan. The appeal was flashed through Manila's radio stations DZFM, DZMB, DZRH, and DZPL. First to answer the blood appeal was Senator D. Valeriano but as his type did not conform to the

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Nation In Grief Over Massacre

A shocked and unbelieving nation yesterday grieved the death of its former First Lady, Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, mother to many a political leader and moving spirit of the Red Cross, her daughter "Baby" Quezon, her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III, and eight others at the hands of unidentified assassins on the road to Baler.

President Quirino led the nation in expressing its sorrow over the sudden passing of President Quezon's widow. Quezon province to a man mourned the loss. People everywhere were struck speechless as news of the massacre was flashed by radio throughout the Philippines.

Mrs. Quezon and others in the Bongabon massacre. Tears welled up in his eyes when he wrote the following statement:

"I am profoundly shocked by the untimely death of Mrs. Quezon, Maria Aurora and the other members of their party. I join my countrymen in grieving over this national catastrophe. Doña Aurora and her daughter had been performing heroic work of faith, hope and love for the masses in the noble tradition of our late President Quezon. Like him they to have given their lives in the course of a thankless struggle for the betterment of our people. Only Divine Providence can ever adequately explain to a sorrowing nation the infinite wisdom behind such supreme sacrifice suddenly exacted from heroes who had

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already given too much to a grateful people."

"But their death will not be in vain. Our aroused citizenry coming out from the painful spell of the shock will exact justice from the guilty and condemn with righteous wrath those in our present administration who with foul stupidity and through deceitful negligence have sought to dupe the people with the claim that lawlessness is gone, that peace and order now exist. Such is the price of mob callousness and personal greed for power—the lives of good, honest citizens."

Upon learning of the killing of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Senator Jose Avelino last night issued the following statement:

"I am profoundly shocked and grieved by the fate of Mrs. Quezon, her beloved daughter, and the other members of their party. Doña Aurora was a great Filipina in her own right. The lifelong inspiration and most trusted counsellor of her immortal husband, with whom she shared struggle, victory, and exile, she could rightly be called the Mother of our people and our Republic."

"Her death at the hands of lawless elements whom the government seems unable to control, is not only a national tragedy but a national shame. In expressing my deepest and sincerest sorrow on her passing, I call also for the most prompt and effective measures to bring her murderers to justice."

Speaker Perez—"It is a most regrettable incident. We deeply mourn the death of a distinguished lady who served her country so well. We seal the void in our midst due to her untimely demise. We are still in need of her services. Certainly, our womanhood lost a true leader who championed their cause here abroad. We shall long remember her distinct contribu-

tions in charitable, civic and religious movements.

Majority Floor Leader Raul T. Leuterio—"I am shocked beyond words."

Congressman Cornelio T. Villareal (L. Capiz), chairman, House committee on Un-Filipino Activities—"The death of Mrs. Quezon is a great loss to the nation. The Huk should not have killed her because no man had given social justice more than her husband. It is high time that the government dedicate all its resources and the fullest attention to stamp out lawlessness."

Minority Floor Leader Cipriano P. Primicias—"To me, the news is a blood curdling shock. I knew her personally and the manner of her death should cause a revulsion throughout the land. Her trip by automobile through Huklandia must have been caused by repeated misleading statements that peace and order has been completely restored."

Congressman Jose Cando (L. Nueva Ecija)—"It is a most deplorable incident!"

Congressman Hermenegildo Atienza (L. Manila), vice-chairman, House committee on national defense—"The incident is a timely reminder to all concerned that we can not afford to reduce the constabulary and army appropriations."

Congressman Constancio Padilla (DA, Nueva Ecija)—"This incident occurred in my district. The place is the wildest and most dangerous spot in central Luzon, being in the center of the Sierra Madre Mountains. I am sure that if Mrs. Quezon was not escorted by constabulary soldiers she would have been held up but she would have been released when her identity had become known. I am deeply shocked. The Huk have a high regard for Mrs. Quezon because of her husband's social justice program."

Congressman Amado Yuzon (DA, Pampanga)—"I am terribly shocked. Only two days ago, I was introduced to Mrs. Quezon at the Quezon Institute by Dr. Canizares. She was in very good health. I have a good remembrance of Miss Baby Quezon because sometime in 1946 she used to crown beauty queens in Pampanga celebrations to whom I recited poems. Until the day of her death, I had not been able to comply with my promise to give her a copy of my poems

dedicated to her father. The Quezon were highly respected by the peasants of Pampanga because of the social justice program of the late President Quezon. This incident conclusively proves that there is no peace and order yet."

Congressman Tomas Mora'o (L. Quezon)—"The country lost its most outstanding woman leader. To my mind, Mrs. Quezon possessed a very powerful influence over the affairs of the nation. She was among the very few who could exercise a sobering influence in conflicts among the Filipinos. I mourn her death and the members of her party."

Speaker Pro-tempore Francisco I. Ortega—"We have lost the most dignified type of Filipino woman."

Senator Geronima T. Pecson—"The death of Mrs. Quezon is a great loss to the country. My gosh, I can't believe it."

Dr. Salvador Araneta issued the following statement last night:

"Pure and spotless must the victim be that the sacrifice may be acceptable." These words of Jose Rizal, naturally come to our minds in this hour of our national bereavement. For Doña Aurora, a victim of our fratricidal hatreds, is indeed a pure and spotless martyr.

Divine Providence has willed to demand from our country the most precious life of our citizenry. Let us hope and pray, that this our great loss will serve the great purpose of opening the eyes and touching the hearts of all our nationals, that this fratricidal strife may be put to an end.

Doña Aurora, will be remembered by many noble deeds, but I like to believe that our posterity will consider that her appeal to the Nation, through the Catholic Hierarchy, for a month of May dedicated to our Lady Mediatrix of all Graces, hallowed with prayers and penances, is her spiritual testament to one beloved country, and as such the most significant of her good deeds.

With the sacrifice of her life in the altar of our country, her appeal acquired a very poignant meaning. She had to die a martyr of our fratricidal strifes, for us to realize that we are facing a great national crisis, which demands from all of us, more prayers, more penances, and a new way of life, if this our beloved country of ours is to be saved.

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MALLOS, Bulacan, April 23.—The radio flash regarding the ambush of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and party resulting to her death and Mayor Bernardo of Quezon City and eight others was received with surprise and anger against dissidents.

Special to The MANILA TIMES

LUCENA, Quezon, April 23.—This province to a man today mourned the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, widow of the late President Quezon, at the hands of assassins on the Nueva Ecija-Quezon border.

Shocked beyond belief, townspeople heard the news of the ambush on the road to Baler from their radios. The news struck listeners speechless.

Mayor Pedro Y. Guerrero of Baler, a nephew of Mrs. Quezon, wired Governor Gregorio Santayana for confirmation and was told that Mrs. Quezon, Baby, and Philip Buencamino III died in the ambush.

Governor Santayana hurried to Manila this afternoon. Before leaving he issued the following statement:

"The death of Doña Aurora A. Quezon is a very great loss to the nation and to the province of Quezon, for we lost a benefactor. Mrs. Quezon in life had always done everything like her illustrious husband, for the welfare of Tayabas province. I am sure her surviving children will be continually loved and respected by the people of Quezon as we loved and respected her and her husband who went before her."

A delegation of prominent citizens including the municipal mayor of all towns and provincial officials and employees and Red Cross chapter personnel and volunteers will attend the funeral services.

Virginio Santos Cruz, secretary of the Quezon Marinduque chapter of the Red Cross board here said: "The demise of Mrs. Quezon is a loss not only to the Philippine Red Cross and the Filipino nation but to the world." Former Governors Andres Umal and Hilarion Yanza are also leaving for Manila tomorrow. Yanza said that the "Quezon province grieves the loss of a great mother and mentor."

Reception Off Due

To Mrs. Quezon's Death

The American International Underwriters last night announced the cancellation of the reception they were to give in honor of the C. V. Starrs tonight at the Army and Navy Club out of respect for the untimely death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

Rush To Give Blood To Massacre Victims

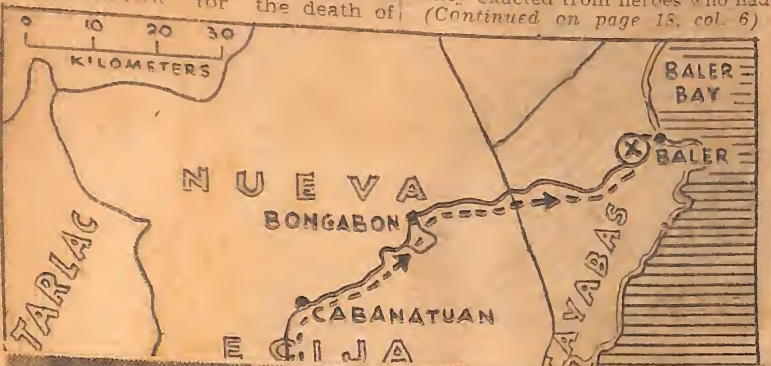
Up to 10 o'clock last night more than 200 persons of all nationalities, with Filipinos and Americans predominating, had presented themselves at Philippine Red Cross headquarters and offered to give their blood in response to a radio appeal which had been broadcast shortly before 5 p.m. yesterday.

At 4:30 p.m. the Red Cross was able to dispatch a Philippine Army plane to Cabanatuan bringing with it 20,000 cubic centimeters of plasma and 5,000 cubic centimeters of fresh blood.

Although many offered to give blood, a considerable number was rejected due to the fact that what was desired was only Type O blood, the universal type. Of the total number of persons who were examined by Red Cross doctors, only about 50 had been accepted up to shortly before 10 o'clock last night.

To Francisco Ortigas, Jr. belongs the honor of being the first successful donor of Type O blood.

Red Cross headquarters was busy practically all night last night. All employees, including doctors and nurses, were at their posts. Meanwhile, Dr. Yanzon, director, was in constant communication with Cabanatuan for whatever aid the Manila headquarters could extend to the wounded men at the Cabanatuan hospital.



Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, one of those who escaped unhurt in yesterday's Huk massacre, is shown above telling and re-telling the account of the massacre. Scene taken at the Funeraria Nacional where the remains of the victims were taken early last night.



Mrs. Enriqueta Angara Vda. de Amador, second from right, and Mrs. Amparo Arce Vda. de Arce, sister of Mrs. Quezon right, telling the story of the attack to friends at the Funeraria Nacional.

Nini, With Child, Bears Up Bravely In Triple Tragedy

The Quezon residence on Gilmore Avenue, New Manila, where Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino remained with her child while the rest of the family left early yesterday morning for Baler, Quezon, received the news of the massacre through a telephone call yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Buencamino, courageous to the last, called up Mansion House in Baguio for confirmation. She next notified her brother Nonong who was vacationing in Baler.

Following that there was an endless flow of friends of the family and other visitors who offered sympathy.

Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino, here in Manila, learned of the tragic incident through a phone call. Wanting to verify she called up Mansion House, and was informed that her mother and sister Baby were dead. She then relayed the news by phone to her brother Nonong who had gone to spend the day with Mrs. Consuelo Cuyugan, whom the family calls "Ninang."

Friends and relatives were on hand to offer what comfort they could to the bereaved children of the late President Manuel Quezon.

Among the first to call were Congressman Tomas B. Morato (L. Quezon), Jose Yulo, Sen. Geronima Pecson, Dr. Antonio G. Sison, Mrs. Victor Buencamino, Mrs. Emilia Aragon Angara, sister of Mrs. Quezon, Mrs. Luis de Leon, Mrs. Consuelo Cuyugan, Helen Benitez, the Angaras, Mrs. De la Costa, Lulu Reyes, Delfin Buencamino and a host of others.

Funeral arrangements were made according to the request of the children of the deceased. Jose Yulo is taking charge of all arrangements, and these include early mass at the Quezon home in Gilmore, which is a personal request of Nonong's; several masses at the UST chapel, the last being at nine in the morning.

The bodies will most probably not be embalmed as Nini and Nonong wish that they be buried as soon as possible without much fuss. She also requested that the coffins remain covered as she had known her sister Baby to dislike such a practice. President Quirino's arrival from Baguio will be awaited before putting the deceased to rest in the lot occupied by the late President Manuel L. Quezon.

Friends of Baby, especially YLAC girls who swarmed the Quezon residence, believed Baby had several premonitions about the impending disaster. She told friends several days ago that she did not know what it could mean, but that she had been having dreams about her father for three nights.

Some also said that she had jokingly told them that she would get her insurance in order, and that she would not be around for the next YLAC benefit as she would go to Huklandia and rest in peace.

Mrs. Consuelo Cuyugan, who often plays second mother to the Quezon children, related that Mrs. Quezon spent the day with her last Monday, and told her to look after Nonong, who is not so strong.

Baby spent the day with her Tuesday and was in high spirit. One of those who would have also joined the party was Mrs. Quezon's other sister, Mrs. Emilia Aragon Angara, but because the trip is so long she desisted.



IN BLOOD-STAINED polo shirt, General Rafael Jalandoni, retired chief of staff of the Philippine Army, recounts in Malacañan the story of the massacre on the Nueva Ecija-Quezon border yesterday in which Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter "Baby," son-in-law Philip Buencamino III and nine others were killed. The General was given up for dead by the dissidents after he was hit and rendered unconscious with a rifle butt. With Jalandoni, at left is Ex-Justice Jose Yulo and at right, General Alberto Ramos.



Teodolo Villadelgado, driver of the Quezon family, shown beside the bullet-riddled jeep.

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EDITORIAL

Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon

The violent death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon brings out the quiet dignity of her life.

But the astounding fact of that life which must leave its impress on the minds of her countrymen now and in the years to come was her singular incapacity to be corrupted even by fame.

No one doubted that fame more than she did for her life was an immolation to an ideal of service. But always, it was a life pushed selflessly in the background of that brilliant career which was her husband's.

It is ironic that she should have died in the hands of people for whom she felt a deep-seated affection. It is an irony that cannot be explained save on the ground that she lived in an age where men have lost faith in peace and must needs worship the cult of force.

But her death would be in vain if it did not make us realize the urgency of putting into effect the ideal of social justice for which her husband lived and to which she devoted the remaining years of her life.

In a way, she died for her countrymen, just as her husband had died for them.

For going forward, for the things she stood for.



Asistio Heads PC Expedition

The band that ambushed the party of Mrs. Quezon and killed 12 persons including Mrs. Quezon, her daughter Maria Aurora, her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III, and Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, has definitely been identified as Huks, according to PC headquarters this morning.

Their commanders were also identified as Commanders Viernes, Marzon, Lupo, and Munong, all these being war-names.

Colonel Macario Asistio, G-2 of the Philippine Constabulary, will direct the punitive expedition, which will be aimed not only at punishing the ambushers but also at wiping Central Luzon of lawless elements.

He left for Cabanatuan at 9:30 this morning, accompanied by another of his staff.

The Huks that attacked the party of Mrs. Quezon were estimated at 300. They retreated into the Sierra Madre fastnesses after killing 12 and wounding many others in the ambush of the 11-car motorcade yesterday morning.

Quirino Here For Quezon Last Rites

President Elpidio Quirino arrived in his plane from Iloilo at the Manila International Airport at 9 o'clock this morning to pay his respect before the body of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and her children at the CSI chapel.

He was accompanied by the ambassador of the United States, yesterday morning between Bongabon, Nueva Ecija and Marikina, Quezon. President Quirino took time this morning to drop in on the family.

The Ambassador, who arrived in Manila yesterday, will be in the city for a few days. He will be in the city for a few days. He will be in the city for a few days.

Leading members of the Senate today urged that martial law be declared in central Luzon which is admittedly a dissident-infested area and that drastic measures be taken to restore peace and order. Among those loudest in their demand for martial law were Senators Tomas Cabili and Jose O. Vaya.

Meanwhile, Senator Pablo Angeles David today demanded the resignation of Secretary of Interior Sotero Baluyut. "It is the only step he can take if he would keep his self-respect," said David. "Baluyut and his group in Pampanga have been too busy playing politics to attend to the peace and order situation."

On the other hand, Senator Prospero Sanidad blamed the Nacionalistas for the Huk outrages. His record shows that the Nacionalistas and the Democratic Alliance have been supporting the Huks, Sanidad claimed.

Army Gives Aid

The Philippine Army has decided to help the constabulary in wiping out the dissidents in central Luzon. The Department of the Interior announced the decision.

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the interior yesterday, the department of the interior disclosed.

Sometime today, Major General Mariano Castañeda, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, is scheduled to confer with Secretaries Kangleon and Baluyut.

Meanwhile, all flags on government buildings and plazas were ordered at half-mast by the secretary of the interior as a sign of mourning for Mrs. Quezon.

The exact place of the ambushade—so far the most serious in Huk history—was 62 kilometers on the highway between Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, and Baler, Quezon.

To Unveil Marker

Mrs. Quezon was heading a party motoring to Baler, to unveil a marker on the spot where her husband was born. In her party were relatives, close friends, and constabulary officers and enlisted men who acted as escort, besides a cook and drivers.

THE KNOWN DEAD:

1. Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon
2. Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon
3. Philip Buencamino III
4. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City
5. Col. Primitivo San Agustin
6. Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin
7. Lt. Diosdado L. L. (PAP)
8. Lt. D. M. Arabejo
9. Lt. Juan Molina
10. Pedro Payumo (Quezon family cook)
11. Cpl. Quirino Almarines
12. Pfc. Brigido Valdez

Among those wounded were Major General Rafael Jalandoni retired chief of the staff of the Philippine Army; Dr. Luis Alandy, Mrs. Quezon's secretary and in charge of the Quezon interests in Quezon province; Capt. Olimpio Manalang, Cpl. Raymundo Silverio.

The survivors included Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, curator of the national museum; Hilario Silayan, of the PACSA, formerly director of plant industry; Mrs. Sixto de la Costa, wife of Judge Sixto de la Costa, RFC counsel; former Quezon Governor Maximo Rodriguez, Mrs. Maximo Rodriguez, Dr. and Mrs. Francisco Vicuña, Mrs. Enriqueta Amador, Pedro Alcantara, and Francisco Trinidad.

MANILA, April 29—(Friday)—(INS)—A major military campaign was launched today against Central Luzon rebels who killed Mrs. Aurora Quezon, widow of the Philippines' first president, and eleven others when they were ambushed in a motorcade yesterday.

Ten other persons were wounded as the bandits raked the cars with machine gun fire.

President Elpidio Quirino immediately ordered mobilization of all available troops for an all-out offensive against the brigands, and several thousand constabulary troops were hurled into the drive.

Provincial authorities described the assailants as Hukbala-haps. A government spokesman, however, quoted President Quirino as doubting whether the attackers were Huk guerrillas because "Mrs. Quezon was loved even by them."

Constabulary officers expressed the belief that the bandits were not aware that Mrs. Quezon was among the party, and that it had not been their intention to kill her.

Others killed during the ambush were Mrs. Quezon's 30-year-old daughter, Maria Aurora; Philip Buencamino, husband of Mrs. Quezon's second oldest daughter; Ponciano Bernardo, mayor of Quezon City; and several constabulary officers and enlisted men.

President Quirino left his summer capital at Baguio to return to Manila after ordering immediate aid for the men wounded in the attack which shocked the entire island republic.

Mrs. Quezon was leading an eleven-car motorcade to Baler, 110 miles northeast of Manila, to unveil a historic marker on the site of her late husband's birthplace.

The assault and ensuing battle between the ambushers and the constabulary escort force occurred about 75 miles of Manila.

SILAYAN STORY

Details of the fighting were related by Hilario Silayan, member of the Philippine presidential committee on social amelioration, who said he owed his life to the fact that his car had dropped back to seventh place in the caravan.

Silayan said that one rebel leaped out onto the road and ordered the first vehicle to stop. The bandit ordered Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, former chief of staff of the Philippine Army, out of the auto, and struck him in the head with the butt of his rifle.

Gen. Jalandoni collapsed, Silayan related, and this was followed immediately by burst of machine gun and small arms fire from men hidden in bushes along the side of the highway.

The gunfire instantly killed the occupants of the first few cars of the group, Silayan reported, while the other motorists fled toward the rear of the caravan. Firing continued for several minutes between the bandits and constabularymen before the bandits were driven off.

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 29 — Over 2,000 civilian guards and special policeman in this province, totally aroused by the heinous ambushade of the Quezon party at the Nueva Ecija-Quezon border, are now voluntarily offering their services with government forces in tracking down the culprits.

This offer is being studied by Lt. Col. Angel Magallanes who, since yesterday afternoon, has thrown into the pursuit of the attackers all available government forces. Lt. Col. Napoleon Valeriano, his assistant, was on the move with his famous Nenita Unit barely two hours after the ambushade.

Several PA and PC companies may also be sent here within this week.

The decision of President Quirino and the army high command to launch an immediate joint PC and PA operations against the attackers was hailed throughout the province as the only way to curb the rising tide of Huk ambushades.

It is generally conceded that the present government forces here are not enough to ferret out the Huks from their mountain lairs, even with the use of planes and heavy guns. What is needed, they believe, is a sufficient combat force which is capable of taking the field against the Huks night and day without withdrawal.

This combat force should go after the dissidents even to the heart of the Sierra Madre, establish cordons around them, starve or blast them with mortars and bombs.

While this force is pursuing the Huks relentlessly, strong garrisons should guard the barrios with a 24-hour patrol on threatened highways. Fresh troops should always be in reserve in strategic points in the province.

The Huks are believed very elusive in the Sierra Madre wilds which they use in their frequent raids against defenseless barrios and towns.—GAC

Quirino Here ...

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President Quirino joined the mourners.

Burial of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, and her son-in-law will be held at 4:30 this afternoon at the Cementerio del Norte.

The bodies of seven of the victims, including the Quezons, were brought back to Manila at 7:30 last night in motorcars, escorted by Governor Juan O. Chirico of Nueva Ecija and a detachment of Constabulary armored cars. The bodies were recovered after the Huks left the scene of the ambushade.

The bodies of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino III were transferred last night to the Santo Tomas University chapel from the Funeraria Nacional, where they were first taken. Requiem masses were said this morning at the Santo Tomas church where the bodies now lie in state.

High government officials and a big crowd paid a pilgrimage to the chapel.

President Quirino will be the principal pall bearer from the altar of the UST chapel to the door of the chapel in the funeral of Mrs. Quezon and her two children, which will be held at 4:30 this afternoon.

Other pall bearers from the chapel to the door are Acting Senate President Mariano Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Chief Justice Manuel Moran, Mrs. Francisca Benitez.

The pall bearers for "Baby" Quezon are: representatives of the VSAC, the Girl Scouts, the YLAC, Assumption, and UST.

The pall bearers for Philip Buencamino will be Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Felipe Neri, and representatives from the Ateneo Alumni association, Malacanang Press Association, UST, and USAFFE veterans.

The route of the motorized cortege is as follows:

UST chapel, P. Noval, P. Campa, España-P. Paredes, Quezon Boulevard, Azcarraga, Rizal Avenue, Blumentritt, North Cemetery.

The final rites over the remains will be said by Mons. Santos, Bishop of Manila.

The burial will be at the Quezon family lot at the Cementerio del Norte.

The coffins will be taken out of the funeral cars in front of the veterans' mausoleum in the cemetery, and will be carried by members of the Quezon and Buencamino families from that spot to the funeral lot.

All flags in the Philippines were ordered at half-mast by President Quirino this morning, as a sign of mourning for Mrs. Quezon.

The funeral arrangements committee met at 3 o'clock this morning. Chairman is Jose Yulo; vice-chairman, Dr. Manuel Lim.

The members of the funeral arrangements committee are: Secretary of Labor Primitivo Lovina, Senator Lorenzo Tañada, Rep. Tomas Morato, Ramon Fernandez, General Mariano Castaneda, Mayor Manuel de la Fuente, Delfin Buencamino, Felipe Buencamino Jr., Manuela Gay, Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez, Mrs. Trinidad Legarda, Aurelio Intertias, Antonio G. Sison.

Masses were said for the souls of the dead beginning at 6 o'clock this morning. A high requiem mass was said at 9:30 by Mons. Rufino Santos, bishop of Manila.

P.I. Mourns Lady's Death

As the whole nation today deeply mourned the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon Baby Quezon, Philip Buencamino III and nine other members of the ill-fated party that was enroute to Quezon province yesterday morning, high government officials and leading citizens expressed shock, grief and indignation over the Huk outrage.

President Quirino, Speaker Perez, Senator Jose Avelino, Ex-Justice Claro M. Recto, Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Dr. Salvador Arana, and others led the country in mourning.

President Quirino said: "I know the whole country mourns Mrs. Quezon's death. She was a mother to her people. The whole country is outraged by the incident."

Speaker Perez: "It is a most regrettable incident. We deeply mourn the death of such a distinguished lady who has rendered signal service to her people. Our women have lost a leader and champion."

Senator Avelino: "I am profoundly shocked and grieved by the fate of Mrs. Quezon, her beloved daughter, and the other members of their party. Doña Aurora was a great Filipina in her own right. The lifelong inspiration and most trusted counsellor of her immortal husband, with whom she shared struggle, victory and exile, she could rightly be called the Mother of our people and our Republic."

"Her death at the hands of lawless elements which the government seems unable to control is not only a national tragedy but a national shame. In expressing my deepest and sincerest sorrow on her passing, I call also for the most prompt and effective measures to bring her murderers to justice."

Ex-Justice Claro M. Recto declared:

"It is a terrible shock to the nation and to me personally."

"President Quirino has asserted that peace and order have been restored and he counted this as one of the achievements of his administration. It is known to every body that crimes and murders are being committed daily by dissident elements and it is indeed heart-breaking that we should need this latest outrage to open the eyes of the people to the utter incompetence of this government."

"President Quirino is so busy with his reelection that he does not care for more important matters of government. He does not care how the nation is governed. He cannot govern. If this were a parliamentary form of government, the Quirino administration would have fallen."

Dr. Jose P. Laurel said:

"I am profoundly shocked by the untimely death of Mrs. Quezon, Maria Aurora and the other members of their party. I join my countrymen in grieving over this national catastrophe. Doña Aurora and her daughter had been performing heroic work of faith, hope and love for the masses in the noble tradition of our late President Quezon. Like him they too have given their

lives in the course of a thankless struggle for the betterment of our people. Only Divine Providence can ever adequately explain to a sorrowing nation the infinite wisdom behind such supreme sacrifice suddenly exacted from heroes who had already given too much to a grateful people."

"But their death will not be in vain. Our aroused citizenry coming out from the painful spell of the shock will exact justice from the guilty and condemn with righteous wrath those in our present administration who with foul stupidity and through deceitful negligence have sought to dupe the people with the claim that lawlessness is gone, that peace and order now exist. Such is the price of mob callousness and personal greed for power—the lives of good, honest citizens."

The Board of Directors of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society mourned deeply the sudden and violent death of Doña Aurora A. Quezon and expressed its sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family for this great and irreparable loss to them, to the nation and to the Society.

Doña Aurora up to the time of her death was the Honorary Vice President and concurrent member of the Board of Directors of the Society. She took over where her husband had left off in the matter of promoting tuberculosis work in the Philippines.

US Condolences On PI Loss

WASHINGTON, Apr. 29 (UP)

The State department announced that the U.S. embassy in Manila had been instructed to deliver a special message from the United States government to President Quirino expressing official Washington's sorrow and shock at learning of the assassination of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party.

The Philippine embassy closed for a day, and the United States flag flew at half mast in mourning for Mrs. Quezon and those killed with her.

Embassy press attache A. L. Valencia said the embassy would have high requiem mass to coincide with the services in Manila.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde said in a statement: "I am deeply moved at the news of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her family. Doña Aurora was one of the best loved women of our country. Not only as the wife of our

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late great President Quezon but also because of her own gracious qualities, she held a unique position in the eyes of the Filipino people—all Filipinos in the United States and particularly members of this embassy feel the deepest sorrow at this national loss."

The text of the State department message is as follows: "The President and officials of the United States government are shocked to learn of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

Republican Rep. Walter Judd said he was "shocked and saddened by the death of Mrs. Quezon," whom he described as a "close personal friend."

"It is a great tragedy that people who have given their entire lives in leading the fight in the Far East for genuine independence and democracy should meet such a fate," Judd declared.

"This is a preview of the pattern which will be followed throughout Asia by fifth columnists and their tools. We can expect a marked increase in such occurrences following the communist victories in China."

"If this incident wakes the United States up in time to stop further advance of communism in Asia, then Mrs. Quezon's death will serve to continue the services she rendered during her life."

Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan said in a speech on the floor of the House that the incident proved "the communist horde has run amok in the islands." He suggested that the Philippine army "deal drastically" with the situation.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Wayne Coy, former official in the Philippine high commissioner's office, said "Americans who had come to know and honor the Quezon family through the years will join the Philippine nation in mourning this tragedy. Our only consolation is that the memory of the ideals and services of Manuel Quezon will burn all the brighter in the hearts of all freedom-loving people because of this martyrdom of his family."

Sen. Millard Tydings, one of the co-authors of Philippine independence, said when the news of Mrs. Quezon's death was brought to him, "I am shocked beyond expression. She contributed in her quiet and modest way immeasurably to complete freedom for the Philippines."

American Red Cross President Basil O'Connor mourned Mrs. Quezon's death as the "passing of a great humanitarian."

Washington's three afternoon papers printed the assassination story on the front page, with the Evening Star making it the lead story with an eight-column banner line and a two-column picture of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken when they were here during the war at their home in exile in nearby Leesburg, Virginia.

Philippine Sen. Vicente Sotto said in New York that he had cabled President Quirino urging the proclamation of martial law in provinces infested by Hukbalahaps.

Sotto, who is currently serving with the United Nations delegation from the Philippines, said he advised Mr. Quirino that Filipinos in the United States were "indignant over this dastardly crime."

Minister Jose P. Melencio said he endorsed Sotto's appraisal of Filipino reaction here.

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 29 (UP)—Philippine Senator Tomas Confesor said that the anguish of Mrs. Quezon's party was "a sad commentary on the maintenance of law and order in the Philippines."

He said that the loss of Mrs. Quezon and other members of her party was a "terrible tragedy" for the Philippines.

Recuperating in Oakland from a stroke, Confesor said that he plans to leave for Manila "any time now" to face what he described as "trumped up" charges that he ordered the execution of two Filipinos during the war.

NEW YORK, April 29—(UP) Filipinos and friends of the Philippines—from President Truman on down—were shocked by the Nueva Ecija massacre.

In Washington, former acting Philippine High Commissioner J. Weldon Jones said:

"Mrs. Jones and I are deeply shocked to hear the tragic news concerning Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. We have lost two very dear personal friends. I can personally join with those who knew from close associations the sterling character and great wisdom of the ex-president's wife. She was a quiet but outstanding supporter of her illustrious husband. She was a great credit to Filipino womanhood."

House Republican floor leader Charles Halleck called the incident "deplorable." He said, "The late President Quezon and his wife were magnificent people, and it is certainly most tragic that Mrs. Quezon has been victim to such vicious and brutal action."

Republican Rep. Karl Stefan of Nebraska, whose association with the Philippines goes back 40 years, said the assassination was "a most terrible thing. I think it was definitely a communist inspired act. Its significance is more important against the background of events in the Far East. An incident of this kind emphasizes the need to continue United States aid in rehabilitating the Philippines in the same manner as we are doing in Europe. The Philippines is on the eve of what will undoubtedly be a bitterly-fought campaign. Without interfering in its internal affairs, we can assist the Philippines in maintaining order in the same way we have helped other countries."

Richard Ely, chief of the State department's Philippine division, said, "All of us who had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Quezon are very greatly shocked. She was a gracious lady."

WASHINGTON, April 29—(AP)—Red Cross President Basil O'Connor today sent condolences to the Philippine Red Cross on the slaying of Mrs. Quezon, describing her as the "society's most devoted and inspired leader." He said the world Red Cross "mourns the passing of this great humanitarian."

Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon

(Reprinted from the Philcross Magazine, May, 1948 issue)

For almost three decades, Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, widow of the first president of the Philippine Commonwealth, Manuel L. Quezon, had continuously lived in the public eye, sharing the limelight with her illustrious husband, not only as the wife of one of the greatest men in her country's history, but, also, on her own, as one of the most devoted and indefatigable social workers of the Philippines.

Today, Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon carries on her work, with unabated zeal, as head of the Philippine National Red Cross, working as volunteer chairman of the PNRC's Board of Governors and Executive Committee.

As chairman of the two steering committees which direct the destinies of this organization, whose work involves the tremendous task of bringing relief to a nation in times of emergency, as well as looking after its welfare from day to day, Mrs. Quezon has taken up a challenge that is the more arduous because, like her late husband, she has a trail-blazing work to do, with no set and approved pattern to follow. Add to this the grip of unrelenting, of difficult times brought about by a destructive war, faced by an uncertain future, and we could appreciate the enormity of her job.

Mrs. Quezon's duties, as chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, are comparable to the duties of the president of an organization or a corporation. She calls and presides at all meetings of the Board of Governors. She is the executive head of the organization, under the direction of the Board of Governors, and is the chairman of the Executive Committee and member ex-officio of all other committees created by the Board of Governors, or Executive Committee, she is empowered to take steps to meet the situation as to her seem advisable and necessary.

That, in brief, describes the duties of the office filled by Mrs. Quezon. It does not describe the tact, the energy, the worries, the intricate human angles involved in such work as she has, which, in the main, deal with people.

Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon was the daughter of the Aragon, an old and respected family of Ta-

yabas. She was born in Baler, of that province on February 19, 1888. As a young girl, she went to Catholic schools, which were, then, the public schools attended by most of the young people of her day. Reared in the best Filipino and Spanish traditions she led a sheltered life until she met and married dynamic Manuel L. Quezon. Marriage made her forego her early ambition to become a teacher, for which she studied in the old Philippine Normal School.

Marriage to Manuel Quezon was a great change in Aurora Aragon's life. She suddenly found herself in the public eye, caught in the tide of history, which her husband was making. It was at this time, that Mrs. Quezon laid the foundations of her welfare work, which enriched her life, deepening her understanding of people, and giving her an end and aim, which, in later years filled in the blank spaces in her life as a result of war and the death of her beloved husband.

During the war years, in the loneliness of exile in the United States, she found refuge from her worries about the homeland, in volunteer work for the American Red Cross. Her children Maria Aurora, Zenaida, and Manuel Jr., were in the volunteer blood donor service of the Red Cross, and also did nursing, canteen work, and their share of war production. When peace came again, she returned to the Philippines, her head bowed a little, but with a stout determination to carry on her life, in the most useful way possible. Today, still energetic and except for her silver-gray hair, lightly touched by the years, Mrs. Quezon had forsaken a well-earned retirement to devote her unflogging enthusiasm to welfare work as chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, whose cause, aid to suffering humanity, is her cause.

MANILA BULLETIN, MONDAY MORNING, MAY 2, 1949

PC MEN FEAR HUK GROUP DISBANDED TO EVADE CAPTURE

122-Kilometer Battle Line Drawn To Catch Outlaws Trying To Escape Dragnet

Sixteen companies of the Philippine constabulary and the army have set up a 122-kilometer battle line in the Sierra Madre in a determined drive to ferret out the outlaw band that ambushed the party of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon last Thursday. Aided by Philippine airforce observation planes, they have been advancing steadily into wild country in efforts to engage the dissident force responsible for the ambush, reportedly headed by Huk Commander Alexander Viernes.

However, except for the clash which immediately followed the holdup, no major engagement has taken place and constabulary officers in the field have begun to suspect that the Hukbalahap band had split up into groups of ten men or less and had merged with the rural population.

According to reports received by the Bulletin yesterday, the huge government force massed in the immediate vicinity of the ambush as well as other units spread out to prevent escape of the dissidents are more than sufficient to liquidate the outlaws should the latter decide to do battle.

With each passing day, however, the possibility of a major engagement becomes more remote, field officers said, as the dissidents are being given ample time to disband temporarily to elude government forces. Field officers, at the same time, are unanimous in saying that "everything is being done to bring the murderers to justice."

After inspecting the site of the ambush, constabulary officers were unanimous in declaring that the ambush must have been well planned in advance to insure its success with the least hazard to the ambushers.

With reference to the proposal to declare martial law in Nueva Ecija, constabulary officers oppose the plan on the ground that such a move would drive Huks out of this province into others, such as Pampanga, Tarlac, Bulacan and possibly Manila. Martial law should be declared throughout Huk-infested central Luzon, they said, and thus stamp out this menace once and for all.

They also criticized intelligence reports reaching PC headquarters as inaccurate and based on hearsay, resulting in erroneous statements on the condition of peace and order in central Luzon. Operatives should go out into the field and see things for themselves, instead of depending on second hand reports or unreliable sources of information, they said.

RAMOS INSPECTS BATTLE AREA

By JESUS BIGORNIA
CABANATUAN, May 1.—Expressing satisfaction over the conduct of the pursuit by government troops of the dissidents who ambushed Mrs. Quezon's party, Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, chief of constabulary, left for Manila this afternoon.

He admitted that he had not received any report of contact with the squadron of Huk Commander Alexander Viernes from units combing the forests of the Sierra Madre east and north of Bongabon, Rizal and Pantabangan.

Gen. Ramos, however, firmly believes that government troops "will get brigands." Col. Liberato Littaua, north Luzon zone commander of the constabulary, described the current punitive action thus: "We are like fishermen baiting the Hukbalahaps with our soldiers now in the jungles. If the Huks bite, they will either eat the bait or get caught in the PC hook."

Col. Diosdado Rodriguez, PC G-3, refused to disclose the

strength of the constabulary forces pursuing the dissidents, adding that the government forces were adequate and there was sufficient in reserve.

Holding that present operations are in a critical stage, Col. Rodriguez ordered at least one plane of the four-plane reconnaissance squadron be retained tomorrow despite an urgent request that they participate in airforce day flights over Camp Basa.

In the party of Gen. Ramos was Lieut. Col. Ramon Ibañez, commanding officer of the first AFP battalion combat team which has been attached to the Nueva Ecija command. He said that the terrain was "rugged and dangerous." Accompanying Gen. Ramos were Col. Angel Magallanes, provincial commander; Maj. Olegario de Joya, aide; and Col. Demetrio Camua.

HUKS TRY TO DIVERT GOV'T TROOPS

CABANATUAN, May 1.—Hukbalahap units attempting to divert government forces pursuing outlaws who had ambushed Mrs. Quezon's party struck again yesterday and killed a constabulary non-commissioned officer and a girl in an ambush outside Pantabangan.

Killed were Corporal Eugenio Arriola, 94th PC company, and Ignacia Bugayong, 18, of Guimba, who is on her way to visit relatives in Pantabangan.

Those wounded included Germaniano Guevara, 50-year-old farmer, who was shot in the left forearm, thigh and neck; and one Gagarin, who was shot in the legs. According to Guevara, he and five others started from Talavera after breakfast for Pantabangan in a truck owned by a cousin, Jose Bulanadi, who was also in the vehicle.

The truck was winding its way up the Pantabangan road when an outlaw outpost whistled to the driver to stop. Cpl. Arriola grabbed his carbine and fired on a group standing on the heights.

riddled the truck with intense fire. Arriola was killed with multiple gunshot wounds. Ignacia was shot in the breast.

The holdup victims were convinced the robbers were Hukbalahaps, as they had long hair and beard and were fully armed.

Bulanadi said at least 30 outlaws were on the road. They seized clothes of the passengers and purchases for the coming planting season. The loot taken from Bulanadi's truck was estimated worth over P30,000.

The total loot was said to have been easily five times this amount as the outlaws had already held up four trucks, which were parked on the road, before robbing the Bulanadi truck.

It is believed that the holdup group is not part of the outlaw group that ambushed the party of Mrs. Quezon as it is impossible for the latter group to have

8 HUKS KILLED IN BULACAN DRIVE

(Special to the Bulletin)

MALOLOS, Bulacan, May 1.—Eight Hukbalahaps under Commander Ibarra were killed and several others were believed wounded during the last two days as four Philippine constabulary companies continued their mopping-up operations against dissidents at mounts Buasao, Camatsili, Bayabas, Butarero and Angat, it was learned here today.

The Huks found dead were believed to be those wounded during the first encounter of the dissidents with the 91st PC company under Lt. Jovito Pesaco at mount Buasao.

As soon as the general anti-dissident drive was intensified, the mayors of the municipalities of Angat, San Miguel, Norzagaray, Pandi, Sta. Maria and San Jose del Monte along the Sierra Madre mountains ordered their respective police forces to maintain constant patrol of the municipalities particularly at night.

Mayors Eufemio T. Correa of Norzagaray, Matias Salvador of Pandi, Francisco Illescas of Angat and Francisco Avanceña of San Jose del Monte have started a 24-hour patrol along the passage previously utilized by the Huks.

It is feared here that as the government forces intensify the anti-dissident drive in Nueva Ecija the outlaws might retreat towards this province. Lt. Col. Liberato Littaua, Luzon zone commander, said that there are sufficient PC troops operating in Nueva Ecija but that more troops from Bulacan might be required to participate there.

Rep. Alejo Santos (DA-Bulacan) and Rep. Florante Roque (L-Bulacan) signified their opposition to the disarming of the civilian guards. They said that most of the civilian guards are wanted by the Huks. In order to protect them, they stated, the government must supply them with arms and let them continue working with the constabulary.

The congressmen told the Bulletin that there are only small groups of dissidents in Bulacan. However, they explained, it is difficult to fight because of the hit-and-run tactics they are employing.

With the verification of the killing of Mrs. Quezon and several members of her party by a Huk ambush, the two Bulacan legislators said, the government is now more determined to fight the Huks and to persecute those responsible for the brutal incident. More arms will be needed to maintain peace and order in the Huk-infested regions, they declared.

REQUIEM MASS FOR MRS. QUEZON

(Special to the Bulletin)

ILAGAN, Isabela, May 1.—A requiem mass was celebrated in the Catholic church of Ilagan this morning in honor of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon.

The mass was offered by members of the local Red Cross chapter and the local Catholic Women's League. Among those who attended the mass were Secretary Cornelio Balmaceda, Governor Silvino M. Gumpal, NATOCO officials headed by Manager Formoso Pio Ancheta and Virgilio Valera, Judge Arranz, provincial and municipal officials and prominent residents.

QC Mayor Bernardo, Victim Of Huk Ambush, Is Buried At North Cemetery

Thousands of people from Quezon City, Manila and neighboring provinces led by ranking government officials of the Republic and high officers of the United States army paid their last tribute to former QC Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo yesterday.

Mayor Bernardo, one of the victims in the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party by Huks on the Nueva Ecija-Quezon boundary, was laid to rest in the North cemetery at 12:25 p. m.

Eight speakers took turns in eulogizing the late Quezon City executive during the two-hour necrological services held at the new city hall along Highway 54. Among the speakers were Congressman Tomas B. Morato of the second district of Quezon province; Juan M. Arellano, chairman of the capital city planning commission; former Justice Manuel Lim, chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross; Dr. Bienvenido M. Gonzalez, president of the University of the Philippines;

Judge Ceferino de los Santos of the QC court of first instance; Acting QC Mayor Gregorio B. Roxas; Dr. Marciano Roque, undersecretary of the department of the interior; and Primo Villar of the bureau of public works and president of the Nueva Ecija civic league.

Undersecretary Roque said Mayor Bernardo was a "builder and a leader." He declared that his name would always be associated with various improvements in Quezon City which, according to Roque, was undertaken by Bernardo in order to realize the dream-city of the late President Quezon.

Jose Velez Martinez, Bernardo's father-in-law delivered the response.

Among the prominent persons who attended the necrological services and funeral were Ambassador Manuel V. Gallego; Maj. Gen. Jonathan Anderson, head of the U. S. military advisory group, and Maj. Gen. Mariano N. Castañeda, chief of staff of the armed forces of the Philippines. Scores of ranking Philippine army and constabulary officers were also present, as well as high government officials.

Starting from the QC hall at 10 p. m., the funeral motorcade—about two miles long—passed along Highway 54, Cubao rotunda, España extension then right to Canlaon, Retiro, Labo and A. Bonifacio streets. The procession was led by a motorcycle escort of the QC traffic division, followed

by the Philippine army band. Two platoons of the QC police acted as escort.

Pall bearers were representatives of the QC employes association; Cubao community civic club; Kamuning civic club; QC Boy Scouts; Nueva Ecija civic league; San Francisco civic league; QC chapter of the U. P. alumni association; U. P. alumni engineers; Philippine National Red Cross; QC health centers; QC teachers; and the capital city planning commission. A platoon of policemen from the MPD reinforced the QCPD escort from the España rotunda to the cemetery.

The cortege reached the burial ground at past noon. The casket, draped in a Philippine flag was then lowered. Soon after the flag was removed, the casket was slipped into the newly-made niche at 12:25 p. m. as the Philippine army band sounded taps. A volley of shots was fired by a squad of QC policemen under Lieutenant Victor de los Reyes.

THE AFTERMATH

Destiny walked with Manuel L. Quezon during his useful and colorful lifetime. God had endowed him with power and personality, and with understanding, and these he employed in the interests of his people. He pioneered a new nation. He was the leader and the exponent of independence, and when through the gracious gesture of the United States of America, it came, Manuel L. Quezon was the first President of the Commonwealth. He is often referred to as father of his country.

Upon his death his widow, imbued with the same love for her people, carried on in ways of understanding, and Doña Aurora Quezon became also the idol of millions. It was inconceivable that any violence could come to her. It was the last thing that law-abiding citizens of the Philippines could expect to happen to her.

Yet, it happened. Outlawry ran wild when it ambushed Doña Aurora Quezon, her daughter, her son-in-law, her friends and companions along a lonely road as they were wending their peaceful way to Baler, to officiate on an occasion designed to perpetuate the memory of her departed husband. She had no chance. The outlaws snuffed out her life, as they did those of other members of the party and the act became a major tragedy in the history of Doña Aurora's beloved land. Throughout the world her death was mourned, and flags of many nations were flown at half-mast.

What is to be the aftermath? The forces of law and order are now in the field, seeking the killers. A nation has been aroused by the cold-blooded aspect of the mass murder. A nation is clamoring for the safety for its citizens, that outlawry be quelled, that murderers be caught and adequately punished. This order is a natural desire of peace-loving peoples. They want to go about their daily pursuits without the spectre of death hovering always near. They want to feel, that no matter whether it is in broad daylight of the noonday sun, or blackest midnight, they can travel from place to place, or rest in their homes, without raiders coming to kill and to rob.

Every decent citizen hopes that in the wake of this fearful tragedy, a new day will dawn when the pursuit of happiness will never be disturbed. Every decent citizen hopes that the authorities will not slaken their efforts, will not pause or turn backward, until banditry, outlawry and cold, calculated murder are eradicated from this fair land.

The history of the world is filled with instances of where, out of the depths of tragedy, grew a better order of things. No power on earth can restore to earth the warm, quiet presence of Doña Aurora Quezon and her daughter and friends. But if the outraged citizens of this republic rise and demand that, in the wake of this tragedy, the lawless elements be wiped out, we feel that Doña Aurora Quezon will be a happier woman in that "bourne from which no traveler has ever returned."

Business News

By BERNARDINO RONQUILLO

The recent brutal massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and 11 others in her party by a well-organized band of outlaws underscores the seriousness of the peace and order problem which must be met even if the government has to devote the lion's share of its budget to augmenting the forces to stamp out lawlessness and defiance of government authority. It cannot be repeated too often that upon the solution of this problem depends to a large extent the speedy reconstruction of this country. It is recognized that the reconstruction effort has suffered during the last few years partly from the absence of complete peace and order in production areas. It is known, for instance, that some rice producing regions in Central Luzon are still uncultivated because farmers are not assured of security from Huk raids and molestation. Wholesale distributors in Manila have long complained that the slowing down of sales in recent months has been due in part to the inability of provincial dealers to come to the city to make their purchases because they feel travelling is still unsafe. The newspapers have been full of accounts of how raiders on

the highways have stopped merchants and stripped them of their cash and belongings or deprived them of their lives. Trucks loaded with such major commodities as lumber, copra and abaca as well as rice and other foodstuffs have now and then been molested.

CITE QUEZONS' ROLE IN MRR'S GROWTH

The board of directors of the Manila Railroad company has sent a resolution of condolence to the surviving children of the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

Mrs. Quezon, the resolution reads, through her "philanthropic, generous and sympathetic attitude and through her service to humanity became not only a national but also an international figure who had gained the affection of all the people of the Philippines."

The resolution further gave acknowledgment to the contribution of her late husband, President Manuel L. Quezon, in making the Manila Railroad what it is today, that he helped acquire the company from foreign interests for the benefit of Philippine agriculture, commerce and industry and that during this lifetime he had always extended his official and personal support to the company.

Copies of the resolution were sent to Mrs. Zenaida Buencamino, to Manuel Quezon Jr., surviving children, and to other members of the Quezon family.

PALACE DRIVER IS LAID TO REST

The late Pedro Payumo, Malacañan chauffeur who was one of the victims of the Huk ambush of Mrs. Aurora Quezon's party, April 28, was laid to rest at the North cemetery at 4 p. m. last Saturday. Payumo was the cook and chauffeur of the Quezon family before the war. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lourdes Payumo, and 11 children.

Among those who joined the funeral cortege from the National funeral parlors were ranking employees of the executive office at Malacañan, including Manuel Agudo, Arturo Gonzalez, Manuel Zamora, Jose del Rosario and Leon Clemente, and Malacañan chauffeurs and the President's motorcycle escort squad.

World Red Cross Mourns Passing Of Mrs. Aurora Quezon

Red Cross societies all over the world, after recovering from the initial shock caused by the sudden death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Philippine National Red Cross chairman, expressed its grief in cablegrams received last Saturday by the PNRC from the International Red Cross committee and the League of Red Cross societies.

The International Red Cross committee said it was "deeply shocked by the sudden death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her daughter. Express to your society its feelings of warmest sympathy. We share with you the loss created by this tragic passing of your distinguished chairman."

B. Le Rouge, secretary-general of the League of Red Cross societies, said "the Red Cross world has heard with profound sorrow of the tragic death of your chairman Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey to members of the Philippine Red Cross and of the Quezon family the sincere condolences of the league and its member societies."

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Freedom Speaks

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, MONDAY 2 MAY, 1949

Letters

Letters intended for this column must not exceed 300 words. Views expressed in these letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Evening Chronicle and this publication assumes no responsibility for them.

April 29, 1949

Dear Editor:

In the lamentable incident of yesterday, there was one phase which was not touched upon in the papers — details of the precautions taken to prevent the incident.

Was there no patrol dispatched one hour ahead of the party?

Are there regular patrols in the Bongabong-Baler highway?

Considering the activities of the Huk in this area and the passing of a distinguished party, some precautions must have been taken, and these were not apparently checked upon.

SILVINO H. PANGANIBAN
Manila

April 29, 1949

The Editor
The Evening Chronicle
Sir:

In today's issue of the Evening Chronicle there is attributed to me a supposed statement that "I will quit my post as Mayor if not given a working majority in the municipal board", which according to the same paper was told by me to President Quirino in a long distance telephone conversation.

I deny the statement because I never made it. I welcome all fights which my detractors desire to provoke. If there is no working majority in the municipal board to push thru administration projects, this lamentable fact could be traced to the hostile actions of some members of the board whom I have displeased on certain matters which I believe run counter to the enunciated policies of the Liberal party.

The present administration (liberal) has done a substantial improvement in the city as I have reported last December 31, 1948, and which all the papers published, specially the Bulletin in its anniversary issue.

In closing I want the public to know that I will stick to my job as long as the President has not lost his confidence in me.

Very respectfully,
MANUEL DE LA FUENTE
Mayor, City of Manila

Sincerely yours,

G. Rivera

Let us recall an old aphorism—one must pay dearly for one's most coveted desire.

The price, always compounded of heartache, and anguish and tears, leaves a deep wound in the soul.

But since the fulfillment of desire is a categorical imperative the price must be paid.

Good men and women still in tears inconsolably ask themselves: but why should the price of peace at home be precisely the blood of her who embodied the emblem of her people?

Because, the highest good exacts the highest price.

Where men in authority, abetted by their cohorts have, by malevolent designs and dereliction, fostered the prostitution of official power, and by loose indulgence in venality have encouraged the disintegration of social order and sparked the growth of a cancerous misgovernment, Bathala splits an atom and sets a conflagration.

It is mayhap in the divine plan that the most revered woman in this Republic, representing the noblest character of our people, should be immolated in the fire.

Verily the blood of Dona Aurora together with the countless victims of the provokers of the mountain is the price that we pay in full and in advance for the coveted peace at home, where gluttons for personal power and lucre have appropriated and squandered what should have been the cost of the commonweal.

Yet by spilling her blood in the countryside, Dona Aurora, true to her name, ultimately accelerated the break of dawn, thus lighting the way towards the redemption of her people from the cruelties of the dark night that has engulfed them for so long.

It is not odd that people should ask why, and seek the right answer. For it is in the correct answer that they will find their bearing for proper action.

But whatever the answer, a wanton evil is on the rampage.

This evil is absolute. And absolutism can be defeated only by stronger absolutism.

No cause however holy, however divine, can win without fire power support.

Slogans help. But where force is the argument, slogans do not convince.

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MRS. QUEZON, PARTY AMBUSHED BY HUKS

CABANATUAN, April 28. — Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party were ambushed by a strong Huk unit while going to Baler, Quezon, at 10:30 this morning. Her whereabouts are unknown.

The exact location was 60 kilometers from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, near the Nueva Ecija-Quezon boundary.

Several prominent Manilaans believed to be with Mrs. Quezon, including Judge Sixto de la Costa, counsel of RFC, are believed to have been killed by the Huks, who fired at Doña Aurora's car and another car following behind.

Several cars and jeeps following behind the two cars were able to return to Bongabon before noon today.

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High government officials and a big crowd paid a pilgrimage to the chapel turned mortuary. Others killed included Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, Col. Antonio San Agustin, assistant general manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, and his brother, Lt. Col. Primitivo San Agustin, (Continued on page 4, Col. 6)

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MRS. QUEZON, 'BABY,' NINE OTHERS DIE IN HUK AMBUSH

RAMOS FLYING TO ECIJA TO DIRECT PUNITIVE DRIVE

PC Forces Engage Huk Ambushers In Battle; Castañeda Wants To Fight

Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, chief of the constabulary, will fly to Cabanatuan early this morning and will proceed to the area where the ambush of Mrs. Aurora Quezon's party took place, to personally direct field action against the armed band which murdered eleven members of the party, it was announced last night.

Immediately upon receipt of a telegram from Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired former chief of staff, who was one of the survivors of the ambush, Gen. Ramos immediately directed the dispatch of constabulary units to the area.

At 6 p. m. last night, he reported to Malacañan that some of the constabulary units from Cabanatuan had contacted the band, ranging from 50 to 100 in number, and that a pitched battle was going on near the scene of the ambush.

Among the units in the area is Maj. Napoleon Valeriano's famous combat team, "Nenita," which has long waged effective battle with dissident elements in Central Luzon.

President Quirino, who is in Baguio, first received advice of the ambush through a telegram from Governor Juan O. Chiocho of Nueva Ecija. He immediately called upon General Mariano Castañeda and General Ramos to summon all the available forces for an all-out campaign to eliminate the bandits in the Nueva Ecija area.

At the same time, the President directed Evangelista to mobilize assistance and aid for the wounded.

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KILLED IN AMBUSCADE



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Victims Brought Here For Burial

Outlaws Attack Party On Peaceful Mission, Rob Bodies; Casualties Include QC Mayor, Other Officials

The remains of Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon, her daughter Maria Aurora (Baby) and nine other victims of a Huk ambush in Nueva Ecija yesterday were brought to Manila last night in a funeral motorcade for interment in Manila as the nation slowly recovered from the shock of the first report on the ambush.

Mrs. Quezon and her daughter and members of her party were killed on the Bongabon-Baler interprovincial road at 11:30 a. m. yesterday by a strong band of well armed Hukbalahaps. They were slain after the cars in Mrs. Quezon's motorcade had stopped and had identified the party as that of Mrs. Quezon. Then the bandits stripped the bodies of jewels and valuables.

The widow of President Quezon met tragic death with loved ones and friends as she led a party of about 50 relatives and associates on a motor trip to Baler, Quezon, her hometown, to unveil the historical marker on the birthplace of President Quezon and to attend the town fiesta and the inauguration of the Baler hospital.

The party was approaching Villa Aurora, still on Nueva Ecija soil, and was passing through a zig-zag road on hilly terrain when the leading cars were subjected to heavy enfilading fire.

Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, who was in the leading car with Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, Philip Buencamino III and Antonio San Agustin, left the car with his hands up in token of surrender and shouted: "This is Mrs. Quezon's party." He was shot dead as he yelled.

As all cars screeched to a stop, men swarmed around the leading car. When Gen. Jalandoni saw the outlaws, he grabbed a .45 caliber automatic pistol and was cocking it when an outlaw struck him on the cheek with the butt of a rifle. As he dropped to the floor of the car, he heard volleys fired into its occupants.

The casualty list as officially reported to Malacañan as of 9 o'clock last night.

Known dead:

1. Doña Aurora A. Quezon
2. Miss Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon, Mrs. Quezon's daughter.
3. Philip Buencamino III, Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law.
4. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City
5. Col. Primitivo San Agustin, chief of the army military intelligence service.
6. Major Antonio San Agustin, assistant manager of the Philippine charity sweepstakes office.
7. Juan Molina, relative of Mrs. Quezon

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Quezon City Mourns Death Of Bernardo, Victim C

Flags on government buildings in Quezon City will be flown at half-mast today in deference to QC Mayor Ponciano Azarcon Bernardo, one of those slain in the Huk ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party yesterday. The city council will pass a resolution of condolence which will be presented to Bernardo's family by Acting QC Mayor Gregorio B. Roxas this noon.

Scores of friends, government officials and employees, led by Judge Ceferino de los Santos of the QC court of first instance went to the late mayor's residence at No. 4 Mataba Road, Cubao to express their condolence. Interment will take place at a later date.

Bernardo is survived by his wife, the former Josefina Martinez of Quezon province and eight children: Carolina, 18; Josefina, 17; Ponciano Jr., 15; Emmanuel, 14; Juliet, 12; Reynaldo, 10; Marie Chu, 8; and Cherry, 6.

Born of poor parents on Dec. 2, 1905 in Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija, Mayor Bernardo worked not only to go through school but also to help support his family. In school, Bernardo was always an honor student. He finished his elementary and intermediate schooling in Santa Rosa, Nueva Ecija and graduated with honors from the high school in San Isidro, also in Nueva Ecija, in 1923. In 1927, he graduated from the University of the Philippines and was conferred the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering. He passed the board examinations in the same year, obtaining the third highest ratings among the successful candidates.

Bernardo has held various positions in the government. From 1924 to 1926, he was an engineer's assistant in the bureau of public works. From 1929 to 1932, he was assistant civil engineer in Tayabas. He was later elevated to the position of district engineer of Tayabas, a position he held until

1937. In the latter part of 1937, Bernardo was assistant city engineer in Baguio. While in Baguio, Bernardo did much toward the development and beautification of the summer capital, resulting in his promotion to district engineer of Antique in 1939.

In 1940, the late President Quezon appointed Bernardo as "project" engineer to work on Mrs. Quezon's pet project—the building of Quezon City—at the same time designating him vice mayor of Quezon City.

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9. Lt. Diosdado Lazam, PC
10. Corporal Quirino Almarines, PC
11. Corporal Brigido Almarines, PC

Known wounded:

1. General Rafael Jalandoni, former army chief of staff.
2. Captain Olimpio Manalang, PC.
3. Captain Raymundo Silverio, PC.

Reported missing Antonio Arabejo, driver of Col. Primitivo San Agustin.

The survivors included: General Rafael Jalandoni, Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, former Governor and Mrs. Maximo Rodriguez, Mrs. Sixto de la Costa, Dr. Luis Alandy, Mayor and Mrs. Pedro Alcantara, Dr. and Mrs. Francisco Vicuña, Mr. and Mrs. Ciceron Guerrero, Francisco D. Marquez, Jose Alejandrino, P. C. Guevarra, Cesar Valenzuela, David Valenzuela, Jose Salvosa, Engineer Nitoreda, Mrs. Amparo de Angara, Mrs. Enriqueta Amador and Mrs. Clara de Zubia.

President Quirino, who was in Baguio, remained outwardly calm when he received the report of Mrs. Quezon's death, but he said with feeling: "News of her death comes to me like that of my own mother." He immediately cancelled the cabinet meeting scheduled for today and arranged to fly down to Manila early this morning. He is due at the international airport at 8:30 a. m.

Upon being informed of the tragedy, the President took the following measures:

1. He ordered former Speaker Jose Yulo to serve as his personal representative and to arrange with Secretary of Justice Sabino Padilla, Executive Secretary Teodoro Evangelista and Secretary of National Defense Ruperto Kangleon to make immediate arrangements for the temporary custody of the remains of the victims. This would indicate that the President will formulate more fitting arrangements for the dead.
2. The President called upon General Mariano Castañeda and General Alberto Ramos to summon all the available forces for a full-dress campaign to eliminate the bandits in the Nueva Ecija area.
3. At the same time the President ordered Secretary Evangelista to mobilize all possible assistance to the wounded.

The President was said to have expressed the belief that the assailants were not Huks. The President reportedly said he could not believe that Huks meant to do any harm to Mrs. Quezon because she was loved even by them.

First official reports from General Jalandoni received in Malacañan said that the ambush occurred between 10 and 11 yesterday morning beyond the Quezon boundary about 60 kilometers from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija.

According to a wire from General Jalandoni, the "highway robbers had all gone after they have looted us."

Acting on the orders of the President, Secretary Evangelista mobilized the Red Cross and the Philippine Air Force to fly blood plasma and other medical supplies to Cabanatuan in an army plane.

At the same time arrangements were made to convey blood supply from Clark Field by a U.S. helicopter to Cabanatuan after the U.S. army authorities had volunteered to assist.

It was understood Mrs. Quezon decided to motor to Baler because she had been advised not to make plane trips.

In deference to the wishes of the surviving members of the Quezon family, interment of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino will be this afternoon at four o'clock. The funeral procession will start from the University of Santo Tomas chapel to which the bodies were taken last night.

Arrangements for the funeral of Mrs. Quezon were made by a committee created on direction of President Quirino, composed of President Speaker Jose Yulo, chair-former Speaker Manuel Lim (Red man); Dr. Manuel Lim (Red Cross), vice chairman; and Miss Manuela Gay (Catholic Women's League), Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez (Civic organizations), Secretary of Labor Primitivo Lovina (cabaret), Delfin Buencamino (government), Senator Lomrenz Taniada (senate), Congress-rengo Tomas Morato (congress), man Tomas Manuel de la Fuente (Manila), Aurelio Interias (labor), Felipe Buencamino, Jr. (family), Mrs. Trinidad F. Legarda (National Federation of Women's Clubs), Maj. Gen. Mariano N. Castañeda (armed forces), Dr. Antonio G. Sison and Minister Ramon Fernandez members.



GEN. R. JALANDONI

This committee will meet at 8 a. m. today at the council of state room, Malacañan, to make arrangements on the vigils and the funeral details.

The VSAC, YLAC and Girl Scouts of the Philippines will take charge of the vigil and funeral arrangements for Baby Quezon. The Ateneo Alumni Association, Malacañan Press Association and the department of foreign affairs will be in charge of the vigil and funeral arrangements for Philip Buencamino III.

From 6 a. m. today there will be masses at the University of Santo Tomas chapel, the final mass to be at 9 or 9:30 a. m. when the President will be in attendance. Bishop Rufino Santos, of Manila, will say the last mass and will

give the last blessing at the cemetery during interment.

By JOVITO REYES
(Special to the Bulletin)

CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, April 28.—Mrs. Quezon, widow of the late President Quezon, and 10 others, including her daughter, Baby, and son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III, were killed when they were ambushed by a band of no less than 100 armed Hukbala-haps at 10:30 o'clock this morning near the boundary of Nueva Ecija, and Quezon provinces, about 62 kilometers east of Bongabon.

General Jalandoni is the lone survivor in the car of Mrs. Quezon. He related that when the ambushers came near the car he was given up for dead also because he was buried under the bodies of the Quezons, Mayor Bernardo and Tony San Agustin. He said he regained consciousness when the PC troops led by Major Burgosino Fausto started firing at the outlaws who then retreated in disorderly fashion towards the Sierra Madre mountains.

A strong PC reinforcement from Cabanatuan and Bongabon joined by a strong PA force pursued the fleeing dissidents, according to the survivors. The fighting was still going on, one survivor said, when they left the scene of the ambush. He said he believed that the Huks also sustained heavy casualties.

Mrs. Quezon and her party were reportedly on their way to Baler, Quezon, to attend the town fiesta there and at the same time to witness the inauguration of the Baler hospital.

Immediately upon reaching Quezon soil, the party was fired upon by the Huks who were strategically deployed on the high embankments of the zigzag road near Villa Aurora. The dissidents concentrated their attack on the first car in which were riding Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, Buencamino, Tony San Agustin, Gen. Jalandoni and Mayor Bernardo. Thinking that all the occupants had been killed, the outlaws aimed their shots at the succeeding jeeps bearing the other members of the Quezon party. About 20 other cars which composed the long motorcade returned towards Bongabon upon hearing the shots.

Occupants of the two other vehicles who escaped unhurt were Hilarion Silayan, director of the PACSA, Dr. Francisco Vicuña, chief of the Quezon Memorial hospital; Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing and several others.

Reports of this incident created a stir here. Some informed sources blamed the present Liberal party squabbles in the Senate for having failed to give due attention to the worsening condition in Central Luzon, especially in Nueva Ecija.

Governor Juan O. Chiocho who rushed to the scene of the ambush with Provincial Board Member Sixto Ilustre wired the Pres-

ident and the secretary of the interior about the incident.

Meanwhile the news of the brutal killings spread like wildfire throughout the province. PC troops had a difficult time keeping thousands of people from crowding at the provincial hospital as they clamored to have a glimpse of the body of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Dr. Raymundo Bernardo, brother of the slain mayor of Quezon City, was speechless.

Philip Buencamino III died at the provincial hospital before he could be taken to Manila by plane for treatment of his wounds. All the victims were taken to Manila late today as government forces intensified their pursuit of the Huks responsible for the ambush.

Those who were able to escape to Bongabon said that almost the entire force of the 1st combat team, headed by Capt. Dominador Alo rushed to the scene of the ambush. Lt. Col. Angel Magallanes, newly appointed provincial commander for Nueva Ecija, who was having a conference with provincial officials this morning immediately left for an undisclosed place upon learning of the Huk attack.

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Bataan area on an inspection and survey tour when the ambush took place. He did not receive the shocking report of Mrs. Quezon's death until 6:10 p.m. as he was returning to Manila aboard a coast guard cutter.

Immediately upon landing in Manila he proceeded to Malacañan to confer with Secretary Evangelista. He offered to take the field against the marauding band but was advised to remain in Manila and await the arrival of President Quirino who is expected to arrive here from Baguio between 8 and 9 a.m. today.

Gen. Jalandoni, who made a first-hand report of the ambush to Malacañan said that he did not know whether the attacking band were Huks or plain bandits but at any rate, he said that "they were robbers" as they looted the bodies and left everyone on the scene for dead.

Gen. Jalandoni, said that the attackers were well organized and were using 50 caliber machine guns and Garand rifles. He added that the attack was so sudden and unexpected that the constabulary soldiers with the party were unable to fire a return shot and most were killed where they were seated in the various cars and jeeps.

President Quirino was reported by Malacañan as saying he did not believe the assailants were Huks. He said he could not believe the Huks meant to do harm to Mrs. Quezon because she was loved even by them.

In a conference between Secretary of Justice Sabino Padilla, Secretary of National Defense Ruperto Kangleon and Executive Secretary Evangelista at Malacañan last evening, the question of the advisability of declaring martial law in the troubled area was discussed. Upon information, however, by Gen. Ramos that the ambush had been localized by constabulary reinforcements, it was decided to drop the proposal.

The ambush and its shocking implications is expected to result in intensified action against armed dissidents in the Nueva Ecija and Quezon province area. Malacañan officials last night said that the punitive action against yesterday's assailants of Mrs. Quezon's party will be pushed until they are completely "wiped out" and intensified action will be carried out in all the troubled areas against other such armed bands.

Before explaining for Nueva Ecija this morning, Gen. Ramos will hold a hurried conference with all his staff, presumably to map out courses of action against the dissident elements.

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MALOLOS, Bulacan, April 28.—The people here from all walks of life were shocked to hear of the Huk ambush in which Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and party were killed. Constabulary officials said it was time the government launched an all-out drive against the Huks.

2 HUKS KILLED IN CLASH WITH PC

MALOLOS, Bulacan, April 28.—Two Huks under Commander Ibarra were killed and several others were wounded in an encounter with a constabulary unit led by Captain Felix Dungca late last night on Mount Butarero. The Huk casualties formed part of the dissident force that ambushed the 91st PC company at Mount Buasao near Angat early last night.

At 2 o'clock this morning three constabulary companies under Captain Rafael Zabala were sent to reinforce the 91st company which was pursuing the retreating Huks. The objectives of the attack are Mounts Butarero, Buasao, Carunso and Camanchile which are believed to be Huk hideouts.

The constabulary units participating are the 2nd, 88th, 99th and 91st companies.

Barrios Bay Bay, Bagong Barrio, Binagbag, Laog, Pulong, Sampaloc, Banaban and Sta. Lucia were ordered evacuated today, according to the municipal secretary of Angat. Between 2,000 and 3,000 residents are moving to some place of safety as Mayor Francisco Illescas has armed 50 former civilian guards.

ATROCITY COMPOUNDED

The nation is in mourning today at the death of a great lady. It is more than shocked at the nature of her death, and that of close members of her family and others in the ambushade that ended the life of Aurora Aragon Quezon.

There is a revulsion of the national spirit at the perpetrators of the crime. There can be no doubt that they were Hukbala-haps. The general knowledge of the advent of Mrs. Quezon and her party to Baler makes it seem unlikely that the ambush was less than intentional and planned. The news had been broadcast and announced in the press and the welcome signs were up.

The people of the country hardly knew how much they revered and respected the widow of the late President Quezon. Her quiet influence for good, her conscientious and effective work on behalf of the Red Cross, her concern for the people and the beautiful grace with which advancing years rested upon her had made her more of a national symbol than perhaps she herself realized.

It took sudden death to bring about a realization of her position in the land. In reality it was that of First Lady, both yesterday and today. And it seemed to require an atrocity of the magnitude of yesterday's to bring the people to full realization of the desperate wickedness and senseless bravado of those who call themselves Huks, they and their misguided followers.

There seems no alternative now to a determined pursuit and liquidation of the dissidents of central Luzon. They have finally committed the unpardonable sin. There may have been a residual sympathy for the Huks because of their economic underprivilege, but when they seek to call national attention to their plight by deliberately destroying a nationally-loved symbol of decency, of good deeds, of long-loved tradition and of the highest feminine virtue, then the law-abiding people of the land have no choice but to turn against them, for they have abandoned all claim to consideration.

The greatest tragedy of all is the plight of those thousands of people caught in the middle, too frightened to defy the Huks, too bewildered to trust their government, too involved in the misdeeds of the Huk leaders to escape suspicion and punishment at the hands of government forces who now have no choice but to try their best to destroy the roots of a great evil in the land.

Victims of Huk Attack



DONA AURORA QUEZON AND 'BABY' QUEZON



PHILIP BUENCAMINO III



LT. COL. ANTONIO SAN AGUSTIN



COL. PRIMITIVO SAN AGUSTIN



Mayor PONCIANO BERNARDO of Quezon City

Bulacan, Nueva Ecija Folk Aghast Over Shocking Murder

By ENRIQUE B. SANTOS

Everywhere in Bulacan and Nueva Ecija, where I rushed yesterday afternoon, people were aghast over the shocking murder of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter, "Baby", her son-in-law Felipe Buencamino III and nine members of their party while on the way to Baler on the highway at Bongabon yesterday morning.

At Cabanatuan, where the bodies were brought after the shooting, people openly expressed indignation against the murderers. The capital of Nueva Ecija was in a state of tension last night as gunfire was heard coming from nearby places where PC units are tracking down members of the ambush gang.

As the funeral cortege went through Nueva Ecija and Bulacan yesterday, people in towns and barrios looked in silence at the three coffins being brought by a funeral car and ambulance to Manila.

"So this is peace and order," several policemen and persons at the Nueva Ecija capital told me as we awaited developments late last night.

PC armored cars kept a 24-hour vigil in the town. Every person found walking after nine o'clock last night was questioned by PC's and civilian policemen.

At the second PC dispensary, the body of Lt. Diosdado Lasam lay in a silk-lined coffin, dressed in his white gala uniform. He was brought home to his mother in Manila this morning. One of his enlisted men told me that the night before the ambush, the lieutenant had invited two of his men to go around the town with him. These two, Pfc. Brigido Valdes and Corp. Quirino Almarines, were also killed with him in the jeep of Capt. Manalang.

The bodies of the PC enlisted men and Lt. D. M. Arabejo were also in the dispensary. Each had at least five bullet holes in different parts of the body.

SURVIVOR



MRS. SIXTO DE LA COSTA, one of the few to survive the Huk ambush yesterday morning.



NEW OPERATIONS—Spurred by the assassination of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and eleven others, government troops went on an all-out offensive early this morning to root out dissident laics. Starting from the center of operations in Cabanatuan, PC troops are reported fanning out in three directions indicated by arrows. Known Huk hideouts are indicated by the crosses.

Senator Pablo Angeles David, one-time governor of Pampanga, said one of the arch enemies of the Hukbalahaps, said that knowing the Huks as he does he is inclined to believe that the band which ambushed Mrs. Quezon and her party are members of the Hukbalahaps and not mere bandits as the PC chief would want to believe.

"I do not think the Huks would not have attacked if they knew that the party was that of Mrs. Quezon. As far as I understand the Huks, they are out to kill anyone who are not one of their kind. Anybody who is not a mem-



Mrs. AURORA A. QUEZON

ber of the organization is a wanted man," David declared.

David blames the poor intelligence system of the constabulary for being ignorant of the movement of the dissidents, specially the Nueva Ecija command "who should know what is going on within their territory."

The Pampanga senator took a dig at his political rival, Interior Secretary Sotero Baluyut, for making the people believe that peace and order has been restored in Central Luzon.

"Only officials like Baluyut who have not lived in Central Luzon can say that the Huk problem is solved," he said.

David, in conversations with PC Chief Alberto Ramos this morning, advocated an all-out offensive against dissident elements and "leave no more quarters this time," he said.

"If the Hukbalahaps speak no other language but force, the government must speak the same language to make itself understood," he emphasized.

SPC Chairman José C. Zulueta, in an interview with the *Evening News*, said peace and order in the country was "artificial." He stressed that peace cannot be restored with the present wavering policy of the department of the interior.

Zulueta castigated "officials in the government charged with the duty of restoring and maintaining peace and order and who, through their pronouncements, have blinded the people into believing that peace and order has been restored."

Zulueta's statement was prompted by the killing of Mrs. Quezon. The SPC boss is the godson of the late President and Mrs. Quezon. His eyes moist with tears, Zulueta refused to talk further on peace and order "lest it might be misinterpreted as a political stunt."

He scouted talks that Huk groups are now disorganized, saying they are as well-organized, if not better organized now than before. The SPC chief said he had pleaded with officials to tell the people actual peace conditions.

Of Mrs. Quezon's death, Zulueta said: "I mourn her death deeply. The late President and Mrs. Quezon were to me, like my own father and mother."

The death of Mrs. Quezon caused immediate political repercussions, with President Quirino's candidacy suffering the brunt of adverse attacks.

Quick to see a strong point in their favor, anti-Quirino elements, led by suspended Senator Jose Avelino, and Nacionalista bigwigs, with Minority Floor Leader Cipriano Primicias leading the attack, assailed the administration's peace and order campaign and indirectly blamed Quirino for the death of Dofia Aurora. The attacks centered on Quirino's recent fire-side chat, delivered less than two weeks ago in which the President declared that peace and order has been completely restored throughout the country. They pointed out that Quirino's statement was not a true picture of the peace and order situation and gave citizens a false sense of security.

Even the man on the street, commenting freely on Mrs. Quezon's death, showed unrestrained contempt for the government's peace and order campaign and increased hatred for dissident elements. Taxi drivers talking among themselves as they hurriedly sipped their morning coffee in corner Chinese stores, low-salaried government employees riding in jeeps on their way to office, laborers trodding the sidewalks and hugging their meager lunch wrapped in yesterday's newspaper to begin the day's toil, housewives

going to market with their burl bags or baskets,—all sported gloomy faces and were of heavy heart. They, too, expressed bitterness over the failure of the administration to suppress banditry and lawlessness in the country.

With such a strong current of adverse public opinion against the failure in the peace drive sweeping the country like a prairie fire on a summer day, it is generally believed that Quirino's chances of reelection will be greatly set back.

Meanwhile, the lower house met in early session at 3 p.m. to enact a resolution of condolence over the death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter.

After brief eulogies the solons adjourned to attend the funeral.

The solons, headed by Speaker Eugenio Perez, head mass offered by Monsignor Sancho for Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, and Philip Buencamino III. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, and other victims at the Santo Tomas university chapel this morning.

Rep. Vicente Logarta (N, Cebu) recalled that when the late President Quezon was still living, he had told tenants on their 100-hectare Arayat farm in Pampanga that he had converted this into a model farm for the tenants to own.

After liberation, however, Mrs. Quezon and her children sold this hacienda to the Rural Progress administration for P600,000.

It was possible, other solons averred, that change in ownership worked towards dispossession of some tenants. These must have become disgruntled and turned Huks, carrying resentments against the Quezon family.

Even Hilarion Silayan, who was with the Quezon party, disclosed today his belief that it was a planned attack.

The Huks apparently knew Mrs. Quezon because the Huks even uttered her name and pointed her out to other companions as the lady with the white hair.

Silayan disclosed that the ambushing Huks let pass two jeeps heavily loaded with PC soldiers before stopping the cavalcade headed by Mrs. Quezon's car.

The sudden appearance of the two PC jeeps when firing started prevented Huks from mowing down the other members of the Quezon motorcade, Silayan averred.

Brig. Gen. Calixto Duque, AFP deputy chief of staff, said this morning he advocates "zonification" of Huk areas to apprehend the killers of the Quezon family.

There can be no half-way measures now," Duque added. "They have proved that they deserve to be killed one by one."

Foreign Undersecretary Felino Neri today declared that since the Bongabon tragedy in which Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and companions lost their lives became known, the department has been continually swamped by messages of sympathy and condolence from government and private sources abroad. The goodwill and friendship that the Philippines now enjoys with the other nations "is in a measure due to the foundations laid down by the late President Quezon especially during the war years," he said.

Among the first foreign governments to transmit diplomatic notes of condolence was Australia. The Australian note was handed this morning personally to Neri by Consul-General John K. Waller. Its full text follows:

"The Australian Government and People have learnt with deep horror of the murder of the widow of your beloved leader. The death of one who has played such a part in the development of the Philippine republic and who was so intimately connected for many years with its most historic moment is a bereavement which will be felt by every Filipino. We join with you in mourning the loss of one who was beloved by all who knew her."

In the meantime, Consul Sofronio Abrera of the Philippine consulate at Los Angeles, California, cabled the home office that all the Los Angeles newspapers played up in "banner stories" the tragedy, recalling how the late President Quezon and his family made their home at Los Angeles during the last war. Filipinos and Americans in Southern California shared a common sorrow, and at the same time strongly urged strong reprisal measures against the authors of the gruesome tragedy, according to

Abrera.

The Neri statement follows:

"Foremost among the deeds for which our people shall long remember Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon is the indefatigable zeal and utter unselfishness with which she has pursued the work began by her illustrious husband in ameliorating the condition of our masses and maintaining unsullied our national prestige abroad. The goodwill and friendship that the Philippines enjoy with the nations of the world today is in a measure due to the foundations laid down by the late President Quezon specially during the war years.

"This is the reason why news of Mrs. Quezon's tragic death was received abroad with shock and grief and has evoked universal condemnation against the persons responsible therefor. Since the tragedy the department has received and continues to receive messages of sympathy and condolence from government and private sources abroad.

"The department especially mourns the passing of Philip Buencamino III. His colleagues in the foreign service are grieved over the loss of such an able and promising associate who has done service to the credit of his country during his assignment abroad and in the home office."

Quirino To Break Tradition At State Funeral

The President will be one of the pallbearers of the casket bearing Mrs. Quezon's remains from the altar of the UST chapel to the door of the chapel. With him will be Senate President Mariano J. Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran and Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez.

Quirino's acting as pallbearer will break an official tradition. The President is not supposed to act as such in a funeral for a private citizen. Mrs. Quezon's funeral will be a state funeral.

President Quirino, by official proclamation, has ordered flags flown at half-staff throughout the country today.

Pallbearers of Baby Quezon will be representatives of VSAC, Girl Scouts, YLAC, Assumption college and UST. For Philip Buencamino III will be Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Felino Neri, and representatives of the Malacañan press association, UST and veterans.

Masses were said at the UST chapel for the Quezons and Buencamino III beginning at 6 a.m. High requiem mass was sung at 9:30 by Msgr. Rufino Santos, bishop of Manila.

From the UST chapel to the main gate of the UST campus the pallbearers will be members of the committee on arrangement, composed of Justice José Yulo chairman; Dr. Manuel Lim, vice-chairman, and Sec. Primitivo Lovina, Senator Lorenzo M. Tañada, Rep. Tomás B. Morato, Ambassador Ramon Fernandez, Major Gen. Mariano N. Castañeda, Mayor Manuel de la Fuente, Delfin Buencamino, Felipe Buencamino II, Miss Manuela Gay, Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez, Mrs. Trinidad Legarda, Dr. Antonio G. Sison, and Aurelio Intertias.

The funeral cortege will leave UST at 4 p.m.

The remains will pass through the UST gate to P. Noval, P. Campa, España, P. Paredes, Quezon boulevard, Azcarraga, Rizal avenue, Blumentritt and into north cemetery.

At the veterans mausoleum of north cemetery, the Quezon and Buencamino families and their friends will be pallbearers up to the Quezon lot.

Last services will be officiated by Msgr. Rufino Santos.

Quirino Mourns At Quezon Bier

President Rushes Down From Baguio

Sadness was written all over President Quirino's face as he prayed for the Quezon family at the UST chapel this morning.

The President, in a white linen suit, with a black tie and a black band around his left arm, entered the chapel about 9:26 a.m. today with his daughter Vicky. A hush fell on the chapel as he came escorted by aides. He had just arrived by plane from Baguio a few minutes before.

The milling hundreds in the chapel willingly gave him room as he went directly near the altar at which the caskets lay. He moved as if to approach Mrs. Quezon's casket, but instead knelt down to pray.

Almost at the same time, Nini and Nonong Quezon appeared at the altar, to which they had quietly slipped by a backdoor. Nonong, his eyes red, immediately proceeded to pray. Nini looked at the caskets for a while, then told a friend, "I want to know where they are," meaning she wished to find out which body was in what coffin. She refused to have the caskets opened.

The caskets of Mrs. Quezon and Mayor Ponciano Bernardo were draped with Red Cross flags. Quezon City policemen stood vigil over Bernardo's casket, Red Cross personnel over Mrs. Quezon's, and Girl Scouts over Baby's and Philip Buencamino's.

Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, former AFP chief of staff, was the center of attention at the UST chapel this morning. He had a small scratch on his right cheek.

An atmosphere of quiet tragedy hang over the chapel as people came and went.

Mrs. Bernardo and the mother of the late mayor declined to go near the altar and view the remains. On Mrs. Bernardo's face was a look of unbelief.

High officialdom had been rubbing elbows with common citizens at the chapel since early this morning. Among the first to pay their final respects were Senate President Mariano J. Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Senate President Protomptore Melecio Aranz, Auditor General Manuel Agregado, Secretary Primitivo Lovina, Senators Carlos P. Garcia and Fernando Lopez, Manager Sergio Bayan, Undersecretary Regino Padua, Minister Thomas Lockett, Generals Jonathan Anderson, Calixto Duque and Alberto Ramos, RFC Governor Delfin Buencamino, Secretary Teodoro Evangelista, and Governor Gregorio Santayana. Mesdames Trinidad Roxas, Consuelo Salazar Perez and Col. Andres Soriano also went to the chapel early.

Many of those who went to the chapel were disappointed at not having been able to have a last look at Mrs. Quezon. They said they had no opportunity to see the late President's widow in person in her lifetime.

Huk Ambuscades In NE 7 This Month

The Quezon party ambuscado and another ambuscade which took place in barrio Tabuating, Sta. Rosa barely nine hours after the Quezon party was attacked, brought the number of Huk ambuscades perpetrated in Nueva Ecija this month to seven.

Nine persons, including three PC enlisted men, a town mayor, the chief of police of Zaragosa, a Philippine scout, an FEU student, and two unidentified civilians, were killed. Casualties on the Huk side totaled four confirmed dead and several others believed dead.

Mayor David Ventura of Santa Rosa, two PC men and an unidentified civilian were killed at 7:30 p.m. yesterday when a Huk band believed led by Commander Stalin, alias "Liwayway," ambushed the mayor and his party in barrio Tabuating, Sta. Rosa.

The latest Huk ambuscade in the province, excepting yesterday's attacks, was that on a PC patrol April 22. A PC enlisted man and an unidentified Huk perished during the ambuscade in barrio Tabuating, Santolan.

Chief of Police Felix Duque was slain April 12 when some 50 Huks ambushed the jeep bearing Duque and three policemen in barrio San Isidro, Zaragosa. Duque's companions sustained several wounds but put up a battle, as a result of which, three dissidents were killed and several others wounded.

On April 9, 40 Huks under Col. Alexander "Stalin" Viernes, commander of the Huk group believed to have figured in the attack on the Quezon party, ambushed and robbed passengers of 24 trucks in barrio Putland, Carranglan. A Philippine scout was killed and two other soldiers kidnaped by the attackers. The Huks deprived 200 passengers of cash, goods, and jewels estimated at P20,000.

A student of the Far Eastern university and another civilian were slain April 8 when a Huk band ambushed a freight truck carrying lumber in barrio Gambatala, Rizal. Male passengers

of the truck who survived the first volleys were relieved of cash and jewelry amounting to P2,000. The women were left unmolested.

The other 11 persons, including six special policemen, three PC men, and two civilians were killed in two Huk ambuscades perpetrated in barrio Casinala, Apalit, Pampanga, and in barrio Buasaw, Bulacan.

Six special policemen and one civilian perished in the Pampanga ambuscade, while three PC men and one civilian were slain in the Bulacan attack.

Editorial:

The Ambush On Mrs. Quezon And Party

MURDER—mass murder—has occurred on the highways!

The ambuscade which resulted in the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Maria (Baby), her son-in-law Philip Buencamino, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, and several other well-known persons, comes as a shocking commentary on the peace and order situation in this country.

No single tragedy epitomizes the seriousness of our peace problem more than this attack on innocent citizens by lawless elements roaming the country today.

Lately, there has been a tendency to minimize the gravity of our peace and order situation. We like to believe that this is a result of an underestimation, more than it is an attempt to give a false sense of security to the public. But, certainly, in the face of the tragedy of the Quezons and others who died in the ambuscade, the fact stares us in the face that the suppression of violence and lawlessness still constitutes a major undertaking the successful prosecution of which cannot, and should not, admit of any let-up.

No amount of pretty talk can deny that fact now.

Today's demand is clearly that we go all-out for peace, against lawlessness, on the home front.

In the meantime, we mourn the death of Mrs. Quezon for whom the people of this country reserve considerable respect and love not only because she was the widow of the late President Quezon whose memory is universally revered, but also because in her own right Mrs. Quezon occupies a distinguished niche in the national life.

She is a great loss to the country. As head of the Philippine Red Cross, she has sparked local activity in behalf of the poor and needy and suffering. She was among the most tireless social workers of our day.

The people mark the day of her violent and untimely death with deep sorrow and regret. They remember her kindness and generosity and know that they have lost a lovable personality and a great lady.

Editorial

A HIGH CRIME

THIS is no time for recrimination.

Someone has failed somewhere but recrimination cannot give full redress to the wrong.

This is no time for indignation.

There has been enough of it in recent months.

Twenty-four hours have passed since the beloved widow of a beloved leader, with 11 others were massacred. The nation has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Quezon, emblem of the greatness of our Departed Leader and Father of Our Country, President Manuel L. Quezon. A sober nation may now take stock of itself and of the ignominious failings of its present leaders.

Graft and corruption, constitutional violations, trafficking in public funds, trafficking in public office, heedless wastage of the people's money even these are nothing in comparison with the high crime of plain inability to offer the citizen common protection. That inability has been made patent by seven ambuscades in Nueva Ecija alone during the month.

There has been a horrifying omission somewhere which borders upon wanton disregard for the public safety.

The senate in a brief session today approved a resolution of condolence and decided to adjourn until Tuesday as a token of respect to Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon and two members of her immediate family.

It was Senator Lopez who asked that a viva voce vote be taken, instead of nominal.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, Aurora Aragon de Quezon, widow of the first president of the Philippines, Manuel L. Quezon, and chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, her eldest daughter, Maria Aurora Quezon, and son-in-law, F. Buencamino II, who were on their way to Baler to unveil the marker of the birthplace of the late President Quezon, were murdered April 28, 1949 in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, with seven others in a brutal bandit attack;

"Whereas, Mrs. Quezon was not only the wife of the beloved Filipino leader but also a great social worker who devoted quietly and unceremoniously the best part of her life in ameliorating the plight of the underprivileged, and in ministering to the need of the needy and in alleviating the sorrows of those who have been threatened with disaster and misfortune;

"Whereas Mrs. Quezon for many years was a great stabilizing factor in the colorful life of our leader, Manuel L. Quezon, and dutiful mother, social worker of unblemished character, patron of arts, letters, music, embodiment of Filipino womanhood and lately chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross;

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the senate of the Republic of the Philippines, express deepest grief which the nation has been shocked to hear and witness upon the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon and the two members of her family and to convey to the members of the family of the late President Manuel L. Quezon their deepest condolence;

"Resolved further that the senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 3, 1949, as a token of respect to the deceased;

"Resolved finally that a copy of this resolution be sent to the surviving members of the family of the late President Quezon."

The Ambuscade, How It Happened:

A reconstruction of the ambuscade on Mrs. Quezon's party as gleaned from reports of the Evening News correspondent in Nueva Ecija and from accounts of eye-witnesses follows:

The site of the sneak attack was in barrio Salubusob on a bend on the Villa Aurora zigzag Bongabon. It was near the approaches to Baler and within Nueva Ecija province.

The ambush was sprung at 10:30 yesterday morning.

The Quezon party was a motorcade of several cars including two jeeps bearing constabulary men on security detail. The party was bound for Baler to attend ceremonies for the unveiling of a marker which marks the birthplace of the late President Quezon.

Mrs. Quezon was in the first car, a Buick sedan owned by Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City. At the wheels was Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin, assistant manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes office. Seated on his right was Philip Buencamino III and to Philip's right was Baby Quezon.

Seated in the rear were Mrs. Quezon, who was right behind San Agustin, Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni, retired AFP chief of staff (in center), and Mayor Bernardo.

The second vehicle was a jeep with a constabulary guard detail under the command of Captain Olimpio Manalang. Pedro Payumo, Mrs. Quezon's cook, was in this car together with Cpl. Raymundo Silverio and other constabulary personnel.

Third came a jeep with Juan Molina as driver. Beside him was seated Col. Primitivo San Agustin, chief of the military intelligence section, G-2, AFP. Seated behind were five constabulary men.

The fourth vehicle was a station wagon owned by Mrs. Quezon with Teodulo Villadelgado, Nonong Quezon's driver, and two passengers whom the driver was unable to identify. These passengers were killed. Villadelgado escaped unhurt.

The fourth car was occupied by Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, Dr. Francisco Bigornia, Dr. Luis Alandy, and Mrs. Amparo A. Angara, Mrs. Quezon's sister.

PACSA Director Hilario Silayan's car was originally the third car in the line but was delayed by two flats on the way and at the time of the incident was trailing two kilometers away.

The party left Cabanatuan early in the morning at about 5 o'clock and at 10:30 reached a bend where there was a man standing in the middle of the road motioning them to stop.

Mayor Bernardo, sensing that some danger was afoot, shouted that the party was Mrs. Quezon's. This was answered by a sudden volley concentrated on the first car. All persons in the car were killed except Jalandoni and Buencamino, who was badly wounded in the chest. The attackers then rushed at the car and as Jalandoni was making an effort to pull out his gun and fight he was hit on the face with a rifle butt and was downed unconscious. The general said that when he came to, the bodies of Mrs. Quezon and Baby Quezon were slumped on top of him. Apparently the Huks mistook him for dead.

Indications are that the bodies of all the occupants of the first car were dragged outside and shown of all jewelry. Jalandoni was divested of a signet ring and his wallet.

After the first volley which crippled the leading car Huk fire was concentrated on the constabulary guards. Capt. Manalang and Cpl. Silverio were able to escape death by jumping out of their jeep and taking cover under the vehicle. Manalang was wounded in the left leg and arms while Silverio, who said he feigned death, was wounded in the right leg.

The attack was so sudden, according to Jalandoni, that the guards had no time to fire back. As far as reports indicate, only three armed forces men survived the ambush: Jalandoni, Manalang, and Silverio. The rest were killed.

The identity of the ambush gang as Huks was confirmed by drivers of the Cabanatuan Lumber com-

pany who were ambushed on the same spot earlier. The drivers said that they were detained by the Huks until the attack on the Quezon party was over, following which they were released. One of the Huks the drivers said, told them: "Go now as your white-haired Mrs. Quezon is already dead."

The driver of the fourth car was quick enough to back up his vehicle, make a U-turn and speed away to safety and bring news of the tragedy to Cabanatuan.

Several other cars at the tail of the party also were able to make a getaway. In one of these was Director Silayan who sped to Bongabon and was able to ask Capt. Dominador Alo's A Company, 1st combat battalion, PC to rush to the scene.

Seeing the reinforcements come, the attackers scampered away. The bodies of the dead and wounded were then gathered and taken to Cabanatuan.

News of the ambuscade reached Col. Angel Magallanes, provincial commander, while he was conferring with Governor Juan O. Chionco yesterday noon. Magallanes immediately left taking along all available reinforcements and rushed to the scene of the ambush.

Chionco wired Secretary Sotero Baluyut for a reconnaissance plane to be dispatched to the area.

The wounded arrived at the Cabanatuan provincial hospital by mid-afternoon. A serious problem of blood plasma supply faced the doctors. Jalandoni made an effort to get a plane and fly Buencamino to Manila. Buencamino however expired at around 3:30.

Mrs. Enriqueta de Amador who was at Buencamino's bedside till the last said that as Philip was about to die he said: "Enriqueta, please take good care of my darlings." Then he gasped, "My God," and died. Earlier he asked for a priest.

Dr. Quisumbing, who was earlier listed among the dead, surprised friends last night when he was among the men who bore Mrs. Quezon's casket into the Funeraria Nacional.

Known dead from the ambuscade were:

1. Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon
2. Maria Aurora Quezon
3. Philip Buencamino III
4. Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City
5. Col. Primitivo San Agustin
6. Lt. Col. Antonio San Agustin
7. Lt. Joaquin R. Iasam, PAF
8. Lt. D. M. Arabejo
9. Juan Molina
10. Pedro Payumo, Mrs. Quezon's cook
11. Cpl. Quirino Almarines
12. Pfc. Brigido Valdez

Earlier reports put the number of dead at more than 20.

Wounded were:

1. Maj. Gen. Rafael Jalandoni
2. Capt. Olimpio Manalang
3. Cpl. Raymundo Silverio

Known survivors who came out

unhurt were:

1. Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing
2. Director Hilario Silayan
3. Dr. Luis Alandy
4. Mrs. Sixto de la Costa
5. Mrs. Amparo A. Angara
6. Maximo Rodriguez
7. Mrs. Maximo Rodriguez
8. Dr. Francisco Vicuna
9. Mrs. Francisco Vicuna
10. Mayor Pedro Alcantara
11. Mrs. Pedro Alcantara
12. Mrs. Enriqueta Amador
13. Francisco Trinidad
14. Ciceron Guerrero
15. Mrs. Ciceron Guerrero
16. Jose Salvosa
18. Francisco D. Marquez
19. Jose Alejandrino
20. Cesar Valenzuela
21. David Valenzuela
22. P. C. Guevara
23. Mrs. Clara de Zubia

Premonitions: Beads, Dreams

By ROSARIO MENCAS QUEROL

Before setting out on that fatal trip to Baler yesterday morning, Mrs. Quezon and Baby heard early mass and received holy communion.

"Then," Mrs. Dolores Buencamino, mother of Philip Buencamino III, told me last night, "Mrs. Quezon placed an old rosary, several beads of which were missing, into her bag. She believed the rosary had stood between her and certain harm many a time."

It was an old, old rosary which seemed to go to pieces every time one touched it. It belonged to Mrs. Quezon's mother and had (so Mrs. Quezon believed) great power against harm. Was she able to snatch it out of her bag before the assassins' bullet struck?

As Mrs. Quezon and Baby stepped aboard Mayor Ponciano Bernardo's car at their residence on Gilmore avenue, the atmosphere was jovial. There was even room for a cynical remark or two. "I'm glad our party is big," said Baby. "There's safety in numbers."

At that precise moment she probably was not thinking of her dream going on for three consecutive nights now. In the dream President Quezon was beckoning to her: "Come with me, hija."

Baby didn't put much stock in dreams. But she was troubled enough to confide details of this particular dream to friends, who counselled her not to give too much thought to it.

Like her late father, Baby's friends decided, Baby was a bit expansive. During the YLAC retreat last March, for example, she solemnly told them she wanted the retreat to be her best, "because it might be my last."

Nini and Philip came down from Baguio recently because it was Mrs. Victor Buencamino's birthday yesterday and they wanted to be around for the quiet celebration. Philip knew that the place where the ambuscade took place was a "hot spot." He was not particularly eager to go.

When news of the ambuscade was flashed and Philip was reported only "slightly wounded," Nini remained in a state of dry-eyed disquiet. "Are you sure you are not withholding anything from me?" she asked friends. "If he is only slightly wounded, then why doesn't he wire or phone me?" She insisted on flying to Bongabon, but they wouldn't let her go.



WHEN WE received the news of the Quezon ambuscade yesterday we were so stunned that as we read the dispatches from our correspondent in the province we couldn't believe it at first. As the hour dragged on and more dispatches flowed into the office, we still muttered to ourself: "It can't be true."

And as we sat down before our typewriter, we didn't even want to look at the column we'd prepared earlier yesterday. We felt it to be out of line and out of time before this national tragedy and we knew we had to write another one.

We hardly knew the people who lost their lives in the ambush, except perhaps from what we've read from the papers. Yes, we had met the soft-spoken, grand lady Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, quite a number of times at the Philippine National Red Cross headquarters at San Rafael street. We remember the many occasions where she helped us get stories. But we also know that Mrs. Quezon was not only kind. She was one of the most accommodating public figures we ever met. We never knew her to turn down any sports promoter who needed her help. That was how unselfish she was.

As for her daughter, Baby, it was nothing more than seeing her from a distance. We used to see her every time there was an important sports event at the Rizal Memorial stadium. We can't evaluate properly, lest we do her injustice, how much she encouraged our sports by lending her presence, how she inspired some of our tennis stars. We will miss her cheers and her laughter.

We remember how Baby used to make a late entry into the stadium with her sister, Nini escorted by Philip Buencamino III. Everybody would look toward their direction as they walked behind the long rows of seats to find their places among the crowd. And, oftentimes, the players felt grand that the Quezons were present.

As for the late Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, we knew how sports-minded he was, through some of our friends. The late Mayor Bernardo was largely responsible in promoting sports in Quezon City. He took time out from his official duties to inaugurate basketball courts and leagues and almost every sports-minded resident of the city looked up to him for support.

These are some of the people we lost in that ambuscade whose loss Philippine sports will mourn.



AMONG the survivors of the Quezon party ambush yesterday were retired Major General Rafael Jalandoni, former AFP chief of staff (appearing with shirt besmudged with blood stains), and Dr. Luis Alandy, secretary to the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon (with bandaged head). Between them in the photo above is former Speaker Jose Yulo, who heads a 15-man committee charged with arranging the funeral of the Huk victims. Jalandoni lived to relate the "most awful tragedy of the year." (PACIFICAN photo)



OTHER members of the Quezon party that was motoring to Baler, Quezon, to attend the inauguration of the unveiling of the marker placed on the birthspot of the late President Manuel L. Quezon, who survived the Huk ambush on the national highway 62 kilometers from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, are the three ladies in the photo above, namely, from left, Mrs. Enriqueta Amador, niece of Mrs. Quezon (in white dress), Mrs. Amparo de Angara who is Mrs. Quezon's sister, and Mrs. Clara de Sobe. (PACIFICAN photo)

Mrs. Quezon's Death Shocks US

Elizalde, Tydings, Others Express Sorrow Over Murder Of Mrs. Quezon, Party By Armed Band

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP)—The state department announced that the US embassy in Manila had been instructed to deliver a special message from the United States government to President Quirino expressing official Washington's sorrow and shock at learning of the assassination of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party.

The Philippine embassy closed for a day, and the United States flag flew at half mast in mourning for Mrs. Quezon and those killed with her.

Embassy press attache A. L. Valencia said the embassy would have high requiem mass to coincide with the services in Manila.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde said in a statement: "I am deeply moved at the news of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her family. Doña Aurora was one of the best loved women of our country. Not only as the wife of our late great President Quezon but also because of her own gracious qualities, she held a unique position in the eyes of the Filipino people. All Filipinos in the United States and particularly members of this embassy feel the deepest sorrow at this national loss."

The text of the state department message is as follows: "The President and officials of the United States government are shocked to learn of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

Republican Rep. Walter Judd said he was "shocked and saddened by the death of Mrs. Quezon," whom he described as a "close personal friend."

"It is a great tragedy that people who have given their entire lives in leading the fight in the Far East for genuine independence and democracy should meet such a fate," Judd declared.

Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan said in a speech on the floor of the house that the incident proved "the communist horde was run amok in the islands." He suggested that the Philippine army "deal drastically" with the situation.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Wayne Coy, former official in the Philippine high commissioner's office, said "Americans who had come to know and honor the Quezon family through the years will join the Philippine nation in mourning this tragedy. Our only consolation is that the memory of the ideals and services of Manuel Quezon will burn all the brighter in the hearts of all freedom-loving people because of this martyrdom of his family."

Sen. Millard Tydings, one of the co-authors of Philippine independence, said when the news of Mrs. Quezon's death was brought to him, "I am shocked beyond expression. She contributed in her quiet and modest way immeasurably to complete freedom for the Philippines."

American Red Cross President Basil O'Connor mourned Mrs. Quezon's death as the "passing of a great humanitarian."

Washington's three afternoon papers printed the assassination story on the front page, with the Evening Star making it the lead story with an eight-column banner line and a two-column picture of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken when they were here during the war at their home in exile in nearby Leesburg, Virginia.

Philippine Sen. Vicente Sotto said in New York that he had cabled President Quirino urging the proclamation of martial law in provinces infested by Hukbalahaps.

Sotto, who is currently serving with the United Nations delegation from the Philippines, said he advised Mr. Quirino that Filipinos in the United States were "indignant over this dastardly crime."

Minister Jose P. Melencio said he endorsed Sotto's appraisal of Filipino reaction here.

NEW YORK, April 29 (UP).—Filipinos and friends of the Philippines—from President Truman on down—were shocked by the Nueva Ecija massacre.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde hurried back to Washington from New York when notified of the tragedy by an embassy spokesman.

Reporters gave President Truman the news at a White House press conference. Mr. Truman said it was an awful tragedy.

Staffs at the Philippine delegation to the United Nations and at the consulate general were stunned by the news when it reached their offices, and many telephoned press services for details.

Philippine UN Delegate Carlos P. Romulo's office said he was en route from Manila and probably would be notified at San Francisco.

In Washington, former acting Philippine High Commissioner J. Weldon Jones said:

"Mrs. Jones and I are deeply shocked to hear the tragic news concerning Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. We have lost two very dear personal friends. I can personally join with those who knew from close associations the sterling character and great wisdom of the ex-president's wife. She was a quiet but outstanding supporter of her illustrious husband. She was a great credit to Filipino womanhood."

House Republican Floorleader Charles Halleck called the incident "deplorable." He said, "The late President Quezon and his wife were magnificent people, and it is certainly most tragic that Mrs. Quezon has been victim to such vicious and brutal action."

Republican Rep. Karl Stefan of Nebraska, whose association with the Philippines goes back 40 years, said the assassination was "a most terrible thing. I think it was definitely a communist-inspired act. Its significance is more important against the background of events in the Far East. An incident of this kind emphasizes the need to continue United States aid in rehabilitating the Philippines in the same manner as we are doing in Europe. The Philippines is on the eve of what will undoubtedly be a bitterly-fought campaign. Without interfering in its internal affairs, we can assist the Philippines in maintaining order in the same way we have helped other countries."

Richard Ely, chief of the state department's Philippine division, said, "All of us who had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Quezon are very greatly shocked. She was a gracious lady."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (UP)—Philippine Senator Tomas Confesor said that the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party was "a sad commentary on the maintenance of law and order in the Philippines."

He said that the loss of Mrs. Quezon and other members of her party was a "terrible tragedy" for the Philippines.

On Her Last Trip

'I'm Going To My Home,' She Said

By PACIENCIA TORRE-GUZMAN

In Baguio, last Friday, I talked with Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon.

It was siesta time when I barged in at the Quezon home on Legarda street. She was wearing a navy wool dress and all smiles when she came out on the terrace to find my photographers already in possession of the place. She crinkled her eyes at me in good-natured response when I told her I was lucky to be able to feature her Baguio home in an Evening News article.

I recall now that almost her very first words to me were, "I am going down tomorrow because I am going to my home town."

She ushered me and my two photographers to the living room. She lifted a vase here, an ash tray there, moved a floor lamp nearer to the piano—she was all help, despite her daughter Nini's fears that she was unnecessarily straining herself.

She took me to an oil painting in the dining room. Mrs. Quezon pointed to me painstakingly how every known Philippine fruit was included in the painting. This was presented, she said, to the late President Quezon by Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, one of those in the tragic party on the President's birthday on August 19, 1941, just before the outbreak of the Pacific war.

What she relished narrating about the painting was how it is the only reminder left of their famous Pasay home which burned down during liberation. The painting, Mrs. Quezon said, was snatched by a Swiss gentleman from the burning house, and carefully rolled in a bamboo tube which the nice gentleman carried with him to Switzerland to restore later to Mrs. Quezon.

The painting is very dear to Mrs. Quezon. She would gaze at it from afar and leaf over precious memories from a happy past.

We remarked at the soothing atmosphere of permanency even in this vacation home, at which she again crinkled her eyes and smiled serenely as if to say, "That's has always been my pattern of life—permanency, stability in anything I do."

A bill collector came, whom she attended to with dispatch, saying, "I always pay my bills in Manila, but if you say so, I'll pay you now." Which she did.

A service tray borne by a maid passed by on the way to Baby's room where Lulu Reyes was being entertained for lack of room space in the living and dining rooms which were for the moment in complete possession of the photog-

raphers. Nonong came out and wanted to know if Doña Aurora was not going along with him to attend Benediction. Nonong sauntered out, and Mrs. Quezon took me to her bedroom to show me proudly her new altar with its new reigning image, the Lady of Fatima.

Her room was a mess, she was packing up for this fatal trip. Again she said: "I am leaving tomorrow, I have to visit my home town. This she said with much happy anticipation. I understood. I knew what it meant going back to the old homestead."

She pushed aside her shoes which were lined in a row preparatory to going into shoe cases. She steered away her grandson's crib to give room to the photographers. "My grandson rooms with me," she remarked. It was then I saw for the second time that afternoon the framed snapshot of grandmother and grandson in close filial communion resting on her dresser. The camera froze the two just as the grandmotherly kiss was being firmly planted on the chubby cheeks of gurgling, impish, 15-month old "Pongoy" (as Nini teasingly calls her first-born).

Earlier in the afternoon, Nini and her husband Philip showed me this photograph while we were watching the photographers get busy on the terrace.

It is a photograph the whole family is proud of. It is a portrait of a golden life lived as the Lord commands. To me, that photograph best symbolizes the close-knit family life Mrs. Quezon had consistently maintained from the early years, through an unmatched national career as wife of a people's leader through the eternity of bereavement and on to the serene days when her grandchildren were beginning to come to give her joy in old age.

Mrs. Quezon took off some two hours from her packing to attend to us. We apologized. And to our "feliz viaje" she again crinkled her eyes and smiled the gracious smile we all knew.

Comments On Ambush

Senator Pecson in a tearful speech on the senate floor said: "I should like to find out who is responsible for killing Mrs. Quezon and her party and who gave the go signal for them to pass in that lonely road. The government should act swiftly to bring the culprits to the bar of justice."

Senator Cabili said: "Let's be discreet until she is interred and not make any comment on any political controversy."

Senator Sanidad said he believed the incident would have any political repercussions but it does, "it will affect adversely the Nacionalista party, the political allies of Huks and the DA. As the records show they have always supported the Huks."

Senator Cuenco, likewise, thought there would be no political repercussions. "It will not affect the candidacy of President Quirino. The death of Mrs. Quezon means the Huks are not for social amelioration. They are just plain murderers and bandits," he declared.

From Speaker Eugenio Perez: "Our womanhood lost a true leader who championed their cause here and abroad. We shall long remember Mrs. Quezon's distinct contributions in charitable, civic and religious movements."

Dr. Jose P. Laurel declared: "I join my countrymen in grieving over this national catastrophe. Doña Aurora and her daughter had been performing heroic work of faith, hope and love for the masses in the noble tradition of our late President Quezon. Like him they have given their lives in the course of a thankless struggle for the betterment of our people."

Dr. Laurel hastened to add that an aroused citizenry will exact justice from the guilty and condemn those in the administration who "with foul stupidity and through deceitful negligence have sought to dupe the people with the claim that lawlessness is gone, that peace and order now exist."

Senator Jose Avelino expressed profound shock at the death of the former First Lady who "could rightly be called the Mother of our people and our Republic."

"Her death in the hands of lawless elements whom the government seems unable to control, is a national tragedy and a national shame."

Avelino demanded prompt, effective measures to bring her murderers to justice.

Rep. Marcia Rañola (L. Albay): "This is a national blot to the Filipino people in that Filipinos who have benefited from the immortal efforts of Manuel L. Quezon should so baselessly murder her beloved widow and daughter."

Rep. Cornelio T. Villareal (L. Capiz), cryptically said: "Let Luis Taruc answer if these murders are not part of Huk plans to liquidate those who oppose communism in this country."

Minority Floorleader Cipriano Primicias blamed the administration and Gen. Ramos for claiming there was peace and order, which led Mrs. Quezon to take an automobile trip through Huklandia that resulted in her tragic death.

Senator Emiliano T. Tirona, in a statement today said: "I deeply regret the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon, who in spite of the bitter political struggle that took place between her beloved husband, President Quezon, and our opposition group, she and her husband tried their best to maintain their personal friendly relations with us, showing that stringent political relations were not a bar in the continuance of personal relations."

"Philip Buencamino, III, a journalist, was very courteous and kind to us while we were attending the conference of the inter-parliamentary union in Rome. Mayor Bernardo contributed a great deal to the improvement of the city of which he was mayor until his death. May this bloody incident open the eyes of our countrymen to realize that it is suicidal and fratricidal to maintain this situation which is harmful to the honor of our country and our republic."

Rep. Tomas Morato (L. Quezon), a very close friend of the late President Quezon, declared: "The country lost its most outstanding woman leader. She was one of the few who could exercise sobering influence in conflicts among Filipinos."

Speaker Protomptore Francisco Ortega said Mrs. Quezon's death meant loss of the most distinguished Filipino woman.

The board of directors of the Philippine Tuberculosis society expressed condolence for the sudden and violent death of Doña Aurora and expresses its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family for "this great and irreparable loss to them, to the nation and to society."

The board also expressed its condolence for the demise of Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino, III. The society's medical and nursing staff will participate in the funeral rites of Doña Aurora and her kin.

LUCENA, Quezon Apr. 29. (ENS) —The whole province was quick to condemn the dastardly attack on Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon, Philip Buencamino, III, and others who perished in the Huk ambush yesterday.

News of the ambush was received here over the radio and telegrams from Manila.

Gov. Gregorio Santayana rushed to Manila to attend the funeral. Said the governor: "Although we have lost President Quezon and Mrs. Quezon the respect, love and devotion of Quezon people will forever remain."

Mrs. Quezon was looked upon by Tayabenses as the mother and benefactor of the province. Provincial officials, irrespective of party affiliation looked up to her for guidance and support in the

matter of amelioration of the lot of its residents.

Various circles here branded the Huk sneak attack a direct challenge to the administration regarding its ability and capacity to protect citizens.

Typical reaction of the man in the street was what happened to Mrs. Quezon could very well happen to most citizens unless steps are taken to exterminate the Huks. —A

Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon

She Inspired A Great Leader

Mrs. Aurora Aragón Quezon was born in Baler, Tayabas, February 19, sixty years ago. Her parents were Pedro Aragón and Zenaida Molina. Receiving rudiments of education at the Franciscan Friar's school in her hometown, she pursued her studies to Lucena then to Manila where she enrolled at the normal school.

Aurora Aragón was the belle of Baler.

Aurora and her first cousin (their mothers were sisters), young Manuel, 11 years her senior, were constant playmates. When cousin "Nonong" as she used to call him, was orphaned, he lived with Aurora's family. On Dec. 14, 1918, after 12 long years of engagement, they were married in Hongkong. Quezon was then senate president.

Three children were born: Maria Aurora (Baby), Zenaida (Nini), and Manuel, Jr. (Nonong). Of their married life, Quezon wrote in *The Good Fight*: "Twenty-four years of married life with the same wife have proved that matrimonial happiness does not depend upon the noise of the wedding. Nor for that matter upon closing one's eyes to the sight of other beauties and running away from their company..."

Throughout the years and until his death, this woman stood side by side with her husband, inspiring him, counseling him during his crucial struggles to attain prosperity, happiness and contentment for the people.

Two of the doctorate degrees, *honoris causa*, conferred on her by the Marygrove college (Detroit, Mich.) and by the Philippine Women's university were "in recognition of her outstanding services to the cause of humanity."

After her husband's death in Saranac, New York, on Aug. 1, 1944, as they waited for the liberation of the Philippines, Mrs. Quezon and family devoted their time and attention to charity and social welfare work.

Seeing in the Philippine National Red Cross an opportunity to continue her husband's service to the people, Mrs. Quezon accepted the chairmanship of the organization, which position she held until her death.

Aurora Aragón Quezon was, in the words of one of her husband's biographers, "the enchanting maiden, the mature woman, the Filipino's Guardian Angel of the Dawn,—the Dawn of Filipino Independence. . . It is to her quiet, unobtrusive, self-effacing influence and example, to her personal piety and conjugal devotion, that Quezon owed in large measure his steadfast purpose and undeviating determination to carry through his program of Social Justice. . . Side by side with her husband, she brought him through all the years, rich store of comfort and counsel and unfailing encouragement in his public career. . . a model of Filipino wife and motherhood, the mother of his children, the guardian of his hearth and

home. . ."

Of Maria Aurora (Baby), Quezon the late President Quezon had been very fond. In his famous autobiography *The Good Fight*, Quezon had frequently made mention of Baby, how during the bombing of Manila she and her friends stayed at Malacañan wrapping up Christmas gifts for the soldiers, gifts which had been collected by public subscription upon the initiative of my eldest daughter, Maria. . ."

Quezon also wrote of how she and her sister volunteered their services to the chief nurse in Corregidor, "making beds for the patients and also folding gauze for the operating room." He related how she was not satisfied with this and insisted that she should visit the front. Quezon and MacArthur both politely and tactfully rejected her plan.

Baby used to be Quezon's constant companion on his trips outside the tunnel in Corregidor during the lull in the Japanese bombing.

WEATHER

Generally fair and warm with part-ly cloudy skies becoming cloudy at times with scattered showers and possible thunderstorms in the afternoon. Yesterday's temperatures: 72.0 at 4:30 a. m.; 95.2 at 2:05 p. m. Relative humidity: 80 per cent at 4:30 a. m.; 37 per cent at 2:05 p. m. Thursday. No rainfall.

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MRS. QUEZON LAID TO REST; QUIRINO WARS ON OUTLAWS

PRESIDENT LEADS NATION IN PAYING FINAL TRIBUTE

'First Lady', 'Baby' And Philip Buencamino Interred; Throngs View Rites, Cortège

The people of the Philippines paid their last tribute to Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon yesterday. The former First Lady of the Land—who seemed to carry the title still—was laid to rest at twilight in the Quezon family plot in the North Cemetery in triple funeral rites together with her elder daughter, Maria Aurora (Baby) Quezon, and her son-in-law, Felipe (Philip) Buencamino III.

These three, family of the illustrious Manuel L. Quezon, were the first of the victims massacred in the Hukbalahap ambush Thursday to be buried. This was in accordance with the wishes of surviving members of the family—Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino and Manuel (Nonong) Quezon, Jr.—who had requested a simple funeral.

There was nothing ostentatious about yesterday's funeral, but simple it could not be. Mrs. Quezon and her daughter were beloved by too many. Through their numerous charitable deeds, they belonged to the masses they had helped—and who now wanted to pay their last tribute.

The crowd was estimated at several hundred thousand. It included people from all walks of life—President Quirino and his daughter, Vicky, top-ranking government officials, representatives of foreign governments, social workers, and students. People from the streets also shuffled into the University of Santo Tomas Chapel to stand with bowed heads as Father Albert Santamaria shook the censers and the choir chanted the Libera Domine and Benedictus.

The funeral ceremony was scheduled for 4 p. m. but long before that the crowd started gathering at the chapel and guards of honor were posted by the Red Cross, the Girl Scouts, the Philippine Army and police force, women's clubs, the Young Ladies Association of Charity, the VSAC and other organizations to which Mrs. Quezon and her daughter had belonged.

Former U. S. Ambassador and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt were early arrivals and seated themselves near the front. A touching scene was enacted when Mr. McNutt went up to offer his condolences to Dr. Victor Buencamino, father of Philip. Friends of long standing, Mr. McNutt and the grief-stricken father embraced but found it difficult to speak. With Dr. Buencamino were his two daughters, Dolly and Neneng. Mrs. Buencamino was too overcome to attend the funeral.



MRS. QUEZON IS LAID TO REST. The First Lady came to rest beside her illustrious husband at Cementerio del Norte last evening as grief stricken friends and relatives struggled to fight back tears, and felled, over her sudden and tragic end. The President stood at the head of the casket while high government officials watched as Mrs. Aurora Quezon was laid to her final resting place.

Also absent were Mrs. Nini Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, who had held their vigil in the chapel yesterday morning. The young widow, who is expecting her second child soon, was bearing up bravely under the loss of husband, mother and sister, but the funeral ordeal was considered too great for her to attempt. Special masses had been said in the morning from 6 until 9:30.

The three bronze caskets were in a row just in front of the chancel rail, with Mrs. Quezon in the center. The coffin containing the body of the former First Lady was draped in the flag of the Republic of the Philippines. Lying on top was a thick lei of sampaguita and ilang-ilang blossoms, like those she was always so fond of wearing. It had been placed there by her family. Standing guard were a group of women and Red Cross workers. Baby Quezon's casket was draped in the red and white YLAC banner and the gold and green flag of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines. Members of these organizations stood on either side and included Mrs. Pilar Hiladgo Lim and Mrs. Ida Bromfield. Flash bulbs went off constantly and movie cameras whirled as photographers recorded the scene.

The President and his aides arrived promptly at 4 o'clock. By then the crowd filled every cranny of the chapel, were packed solidly in the balconies and hung through the windows. Following the 25-minute ceremony the President acted as principal pallbearer for the casket of Mrs. Quezon from the altar to the chapel door. Others were Senate President Mariano J. Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran and Mrs. Francisca Tirona Benitez. Pallbearers for Miss Quezon included representatives of the VSAC, GSP, YLAC, Assump-

tion Convent and UST. Pallbearers for Philip Buencamino included Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Felino Neri and representatives each from the Ateneo Alumni Association, the Malacanang Press Association, the UST and the veterans. Justice Manuel Lim and Jose Yulo were in charge of funeral arrangements.

As the cortège emerged from the chapel the Philippine Army Band played "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The caskets were lifted into motorized units and the pallbearers accompanied them to the

campus gate, where the procession formed and proceeded to the North Cemetery. Thousands lined the route of march along España street, Quezon Boulevard, Azcaraga and Rizal Avenue.

The cortège arrived at the Quezon burial plot at exactly 6 o'clock. The crowd at the cemetery was greater than at any other place and swarmed over nearby mausoleums for a better view. Some observers estimated it as greater than those witnessing the funerals of either Presidents Quezon or Roxas. Boys clung to crosses atop nearby vaults and women stood on the iron railing enclosing the Quezon lot. Ruby Roxas daughter of the late President Roxas, watched from her father's tomb nearby and Mrs. Claro M. Recto and Mrs. Pio Pedrosa were seen there, too, as were Mr. and Mrs. Luis Lim and scores of other friends of the Quezon and Buencamino families. Mrs. Samuel F. Gaches, a longtime friend of Mrs. Quezon, had arrived at the cemetery early and waited patiently on the step at the base of President Quezon's tomb.

While waiting for the cortège to arrive, the crowd was startled by a sudden flash of forked lightning across the blue sky and a great clap of thunder. Many cried out in fright and some interpreted it as a symbol.

MAYOR BERNARDO RITES TOMORROW

The body of the late Quezon City Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo which lies at the new city hall on Highway 54, in Cubao, will be laid to rest at the North Cemetery tomorrow morning after the necrological services at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Acting QC Mayor Gregorio B. Roxas.

A special necrological program will be held at 5:30 p. m. today by the Cubao civic community club at the QC hall.

The necrological services will be opened by the Philippine army band with "Nearer My God to Thee," followed by speeches. Then Maria Luisa Eustaquio will sing "Ave Maria."

Scheduled to speak tomorrow are Congressman Tomas B. Morato, former QC mayor who is now representative for the second district of Quezon province; Juan M. Arellano, chairman of the capital city planning commission; Dr. Bienvenido M. Gonzalez, president of the University of the Philippines; Judge Ceferino de los Santos of the QC court of first instance; and Acting QC mayor Roxas. Jose Velez Martinez, Mayor Bernardo's father-in-law will give the response. The AFP band will play "Meditation," to conclude the necrological services.

Mayor Bernardo was among the victims of the Baler highway massacre Thursday morning. He was with Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon's party when he met his tragic end.

He is survived by his wife, the former Josefina Martinez of Quezon province and eight children. They are: Carolina, 18; Josefina, 17; Ponciano Jr., 15; Emmanuel, 14; Juliet, 12; Reynaldo, 10; Marie Chu, 8; and Cherry, 6.

Hundreds of residents from all walks of life, school pupils, and high ranking government officials were among the visitors who flocked to the city hall yesterday to view the remains of the QC executive.

On arrival at the burial site and with the band playing Chopin's Funeral March, the last religious rites were conducted by Bishop Rufino Santos outside the Quezon lot. President Quirino stood at the foot of Mrs. Quezon's casket together with his daughter, Vicky, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Nila Syquia Mendoza. At the side were Mrs. Quezon's sisters, who had survived the ambush, and Mrs. Trinidad Roxas, widow of another President. A few minutes later Mrs. Quezon's flag-draped casket was carried into the lot and slipped into the new crypt prepared beside that of her husband. As the flag was removed, the lei of sampaguitas was replaced on top of the casket. President Quirino leaned down, placed a flower in the grave and he and his daughter knelt for a moment of prayer. This was repeated with the interment of Baby and Philip, who were placed in crypts side by side.

The masses of floral offerings were laid on the graves—the Anti-Tuberculosis Society's emblem fashioned of red roses, all manner of beautiful wreaths and sprays and one which bore a message that was on the lips of many—"To Mrs. Quezon, the most revered woman in the Philippines."

Public, Official Circles Here, Abroad Shocked By Death Of Mrs. Quezon

Reaction to the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, both abroad and locally, has been one of shock and indignation in public as well as official circles.

News of Mrs. Quezon's murder in an ambush last Thursday was received with shock and grief and evoked universal condemnation against the persons responsible for the atrocity, according to Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Felino Neri.

Messages of sympathy and condolence received by Malacañan and the department of foreign affairs yesterday all had a tenor of shock and condemnation over the atrocious slaughter of Mrs. Quezon and eleven other persons, including her daughter, Baby, and her son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III by an armed band Thursday morning.

Undersecretary Neri, explaining the spontaneous world reaction to the tragedy, said:

"Foremost among the deeds for which our people shall long remember Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon is the indefatigable zeal and utter unselfishness with which she has pursued the work begun by her illustrious husband in ameliorating the condition of our masses and maintaining unsullied our national prestige abroad. The goodwill and friendship that the Philippines enjoys with the nations of the world today is in a measure due to the foundations laid down by the late President Quezon specially during the war years."

Consul Sofronio Abrera of the Philippine consulate in Los Angeles, reporting to the home office yesterday, said that all the Los Angeles newspapers carried the news of the massacre of Mrs. Quezon and party in banner headlines. Abrera said the papers recalled the fact that the Quezon family resided in Los Angeles during the war.

Consul Abrera reported further that the Filipino and American communities of Southern California, shocked and grieved by the news of the massacre, had expressed condemnation against the criminals.

Chinese Minister Chen Chih-ping and Australian consul-general J. K. Waller, were first among the diplomatic and consular corps in the Philippines to express their condolence for Mrs. Quezon's tragic death.

Minister Chen's wire to President Quirino said: "It was a great shock to hear the most distressing news of Mrs. Quezon and other members of her party who met their untimely death in the hands of the outlaws. I share the deep grief of the entire Philippine population in the loss of a great lady. Please convey to the family my heartfelt condolences."

Consul General Waller, on instructions from the home government, conveyed the following message to the department of foreign affairs: "The Australian government and people have learned with deep horror of the murder of the widow of your beloved leader. The death of one who has played such a part in the development of the Philippine Republic and who was so intimately connected for many years with its most historic movement is a bereavement which will be felt by every Filipino. We join with you in mourning the loss of one who was beloved by all who knew her."

From a sanatorium at Carville, Louisiana, Joey Guerrero wired: "We, the Philippine patients here at Carville, wish to extend our deep bereavement over such an irreparable loss. Masses will be offered."

Basil O'Connor, American Red Cross president, said in his radiogram received here yesterday: "In the death of Madam Quezon, the Philippine Red Cross has lost a most devoted and inspired leader and the Philippine nation, a dearly loved citizen. The entire Red Cross world will mourn the passing of this great humanitarian."

Other messages received yesterday at Malacañan included those of Mons. Morelli of the Apostolic Delegate at Holy Ghost Hill, Baguio; A. D. Calhoun of the National City Bank of New York, Manila branch; and Governor Louis Marohombas of Lanao.

Other messages from abroad include those from John Hausermann in Cincinnati, Ohio; Victor Roudin, New York; and John G. Knust, Miami, Florida.

Both houses of congress unanimously passed resolutions of condolence on Mrs. Quezon's death and that of members of her party in the hands of bandits. They showered her with praise for her services to the country.

The senate adjourned for three days until Tuesday as an avowal of its respect for the widow of the late President Quezon.

In the debate on their resolution of condolence, senators urged relentless government action not only to bring the assailants to justice but to put an end to the reign of terror and banditry in trouble areas of central Luzon.

They extolled Mrs. Quezon's virtues and acknowledged her contributions to public welfare, particularly the amelioration of the masses, first, as the wife of the late President Quezon and second, as a social worker and Red Cross executive.

A resolution of condolence was also passed by the bureau of plant industry while high officials and prominent residents released statements expressing the irreparable loss the nation suffered by the death of the late First Lady.

Said Senator Prospero Sanidad: "The government must now take merciless, relentless action to wipe out the dissidents no matter where they are. The people will not be satisfied merely to see that the perpetrators of the atrocious slaying of Mrs. Quezon and some members of her party will be brought to justice. All the advocates of lawlessness must be crushed."

Senator Geronima T. Pecson: "It is ironical that the wife of the great man who dedicated his life to the advancement of social justice in this country should be victim of the beneficiaries of his great work."

Senator Tomas Cabili: "The death of Mrs. Quezon is one of the incidents in our fight for social reforms. President Quezon died for Philippine independence. Mrs. Quezon was killed in a brutal way that the people will realize there is need for the solution of our social problems and the establishment of peace and order."

Senator Camilo Osias: "In the life of a great man there is one woman. Doña Aurora is the woman in the life of a great Filipino leader. Beloved in her native land and respected abroad, Mrs. Quezon was ever solicitous of the welfare of the poor and the needy."

Senator Emiliano Tirona: "As a public man, I join the people of the Philippines in their grief and sorrow for the early departure of the distinguished widow of the late President Quezon, who comforted and helped a lot the deceased leader of our people in his struggle for our final emancipation."

Manuel Lim, successor of Mrs. Quezon as chairman of the local Red Cross, called the demise of the late First Lady a national disaster. He said: "Mrs. Quezon leaves behind a heritage rich in sublimity and of unequalled worth. Her selfless devotion to humanity at large, and to her people in particular, will live in the hearts of all men long after she is gone."

In the meantime, wires from all over the country poured into Malacañan yesterday expressing condolence over the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party.

Captain Pablo Aligada, former mayor of Cabaio and famous for his guerrilla record as "terror" to the Huk, last evening wired President Quirino as follows: "Volunteer my services free to fight Huk to avenge death of Mrs. Quezon and party."

'The Nation Is Filled With Revulsion'

(Coming from the final rites for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and members of her immediate family who were slain in a Huk ambush last Thursday, President Quirino last night delivered a radio address to the nation on the tragedy that had just befallen the country. Following is the full text of his radio message.)

FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:

We have just laid to rest three of the finest characters in our national history. Mrs. Quezon, her daughter Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon and her son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III. The other victims of the lawless elements, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon, Col. Primitivo San Agustin, City, Col. Antonio San Agustin, 1st Lt. D. M. Arabejo, Lt. Diosdado Lasam, Cpl. Quirino Almerines, Pte. Brigido Valdes and Pedro P. Yumano, are also to be laid to rest soon.

The nation is filled with revulsion at the ruthlessness and heartlessness of the murderous attack upon them. Mrs. Quezon the outstanding Filipino woman of our time, the most gentle of women I have ever known, least expected that she would be a prey to barbarous assault. Evidently the attackers had previous knowledge that Mrs. Quezon's party had left early yesterday morning for Baler. It is my understanding that other cars preceding her motorcade had been allowed to go through unmolested on the same road that she passed. There is every indication that the lawless elements intended to rob her and her party and to sacrifice their lives to accomplish that end.

In the presence of my cabinet this morning, I requested General Jalandoni, the only survivor in the Quezon death car, to give me a first hand account of the tragedy which befell Mrs. Quezon and her other companions.

According to General Jalandoni, he was satisfied with the cooperation of the constabulary as to the strength of the escort force, but that the usual security measures could not be followed out of respect to Mrs. Quezon's own instructions not to allow uniformed men to precede her car. She gave these orders, according to General Jalandoni, firstly, because she believed that the presence of uniformed men might provoke attack from dissident elements, and, secondly, that she was fully confident that nobody would think of doing her any bodily harm.

I knew that the route to Baler is treacherous and mountainous, and suitable to the type of cowardly attacks such as occurred yesterday. For this reason, I had offered Mrs. Quezon the use of my plane. But it became our national misfortune that she decided on taking the highway through one of the few remaining areas where the lawless and the criminal still hide from the law.

When I first heard of the tragedy, I expressed the belief—a belief which was apparently shared by Mrs. Quezon herself—that nobody would think of doing any harm to the woman who was so good and kind. My first reaction was that probably the assailants did not know that Mrs. Quezon was in the party of their intended victims.

But after I heard the account of the tragedy from General Jalandoni, I was convinced that the perpetrators of this crime were men unfit to live in Christian society. According to General Jalandoni, when Mrs. Quezon's car was stopped with Col. San Agustin who was behind the wheel already dead, Mayor Bernardo was able to shout at the assailants that it was Mrs. Quezon who was in the car, but these heartless attackers instantly killed him, grabbed Mrs. Quezon's bracelet and proceeded to mow down their other helpless victims and divested them of their jewels and other valuables.

That these lawless elements have seen fit to pick for their victims the finest type of Filipino womanhood, the purest of our mothers, only accentuated the savagery and soullessness of the elements who perpetrated this crime. It is ironic indeed that these base characters should pick for their victims the very people

who had the welfare of the masses at heart. For both Mrs. Quezon and her daughter, fondly called Baby, have been devoting their entire time to charitable work, the former as national chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, and the latter as president of the Young Ladies Association for Charity, after they have been orphaned by the greatest champion of the masses—President Manuel Quezon.

As you know, one of my first official acts when I assumed the stewardship of the nation was an effort to solve the problem of peace and order in Central Luzon. On the belief that like good and true Filipinos, the dissidents

would listen to reason, I went out of my way, even against the recommendations of some of my advisers, to try to win these elements over to the side of the law and to persuade them to return to peaceful life where they could participate in the country's rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts. I granted them amnesty in order to facilitate their return to peaceful life. On top of that, through the President's Action Committee on Social Amelioration, the government gave these dissident elements everything that it could humanly extend to them as relief in the way of food, clothing, medicine, seedlings, job opportunities, credit facilities, and other means to enable them to start anew and live in comparative peace and quiet instead of starving and roaming like wild animals away from civilization. We gave them schools, lands to cultivate and additional agents of the law for their security. I have lately authorized the immediate construction of irrigation systems and the establishment of branches of the National Bank in strategic regions of production as further incentive to their productive activities.

What happened after the amnesty is a matter of record. The dissidents failing to understand the benevolent attitude of the government, did not live up to their terms of the amnesty and their leaders had been unmasked as agents and propagandists of dangerous alien ideas. Coercing and terrorizing ignorant peasants into following them, taking advantage of the opportunity to hide their identity during the daytime by assimilating themselves with the civilian population, and victimizing innocent citizens through treacherous raids and ambushes, these lawless elements have proved with their most recent depredation that they will stop at nothing to sow panic, chaos, and confusion and to undermine the duly constituted government and authority of the people.

My countrymen, we cannot allow these enemies of human society to continue with their de-

predations. Unfortunately, what they have just done, is being seized upon as political capital in some quarters, little knowing that by nurturing the seeds of dissension and confusion they are actually giving aid and comfort to the dissident elements in their propaganda and in their forcible efforts to undermine this government.

I have therefore given orders to use everything in the power of the government to eradicate lawlessness. I appeal to all civilized elements in our country to cooperate in this all-out effort by guarding against playing into the hands of our common enemy for selfish political ends.

With the cooperation of loyal and law-abiding citizens, we will eliminate the last vestige of lawlessness and savagery in our land. I earnestly request those who have

knowledge of the presence of lawless elements in any nook and corner of the land to report the matter to the nearest authority. I appeal to the civic spirit of all. Your fear of reprisal is more dangerous than the threat to the whole community. Concealment is cowardice, treason.

We must never again allow those who shock the human conscience by such attacks on society as were perpetrated against the very mother of our people to repeat their dastardly deed.

QUIRINO APPEALS FOR COOPERATION IN GOV'T CAMPAIGN

Delivers Radio Talk Asking Loyal, Law-Abiding Men To Report Lawless Elements

President Quirino, commenting last night over the radio on the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party in Thursday's atrocious ambush made a nation-wide appeal to all loyal and law-abiding citizens to cooperate in eliminating "the last vestiges of lawlessness and savagery in our land."

The President made an earnest request to those who have knowledge of the presence of lawless elements in any nook and corner of the land to report the matter to the nearest authority, pointing out that concealment of such knowledge is "cowardice and treason." He went on to say "fear of reprisal is more dangerous than the threat to the whole community."

The President made his nation-wide radio broadcast at 8:45 p.m. from his study at Malacañan after a thorough investigation of the various angles of the ambush which resulted in the murder of Mrs. Quezon; her daughter, Baby; Felipe Buencamino III and nine other members of her party.

(The full text of President Quirino's radio speech is published on page 5).

President Quirino said that based on information he gathered the attackers evidently had previous knowledge that Mrs. Quezon's party had left early Thursday morning for Baler, adding that "there is every indication that the lawless elements intended to rob her and her party and to sacrifice their lives to accomplish that end."

After describing his efforts to solve the problem of peace and order of the party in the car bearing Mrs. Quezon, presumably to spare her discomfort from dust on the road.

Constabulary headquarters is of the belief that the party was adequately guarded, but the surprise attack contributed to the annihilation of the escort in the jeep.

order in Central Luzon including the grant of amnesty and implementation of a social amelioration program, President Quirino said that he has renewed orders to "use everything in the power of the government to eradicate lawlessness."

The President took occasion to condemn that fact that the recent tragedy "is being seized upon as political capital in some quarters, little known that by nurturing the seeds of dissension and confusion they are actually giving aid and comfort to the dissident elements in their propaganda and in their forcible efforts to undermine this government."

The President made an appeal "to all civilized elements of our country" to cooperate in the all-out effort to eradicate lawlessness "by guarding against playing into the hands of our common enemy for selfish political ends."

After the plane took, the President told newsmen that he would consider anyone concealing any information regarding the whereabouts of last Thursday's deadly ambush "as guilty as the assassins themselves."

Asked if there is to be a re-amping of the constabulary in connection with his announced intensification of the campaign against dissident elements, the President said this was not necessary but he added that the constabulary force might be augmented in order to make it more effective in eradicating lawlessness.

It is understood that the President, in a conference yesterday with Maj. Gen. Mariano Castañeda, chief of staff, Philippine army, and Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, chief of constabulary, demanded immediate action in cleaning up lawless elements in central Luzon.

CABINET PLOTS ANTI-HUK MOVES

President Quirino and the cabinet yesterday spent two hours discussing the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and eleven others in Thursday's ambush, in connection with the government's overall peace and order campaign.

The President flew down from Baguio yesterday morning, arriving in Manila at 9 a. m. He proceeded directly from the airport to the Sto. Tomas chapel where mass was being held over the remains of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, Baby, and son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III. After the mass the President returned to the Malacañan and after a brief rest he summoned the cabinet to a meeting.

The President called Major General Jalandoni, lone survivor in the Quezon death car; Major General Mariano Castañeda, chief of staff, Philippine army, and Brig. General Alberto Ramos, chief of constabulary to attend the cabinet meeting.

The President renewed orders to Castañeda and Ramos for the summary elimination of dissidents depredations. Details of the next government move against lawless elements in Central Luzon were not divulged but it is understood that action will be intensified.

Because yesterday's session was devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the Quezon tragedy and to mapping out government peace and order measures, the President has summoned the cabinet for a special meeting this morning.

Gen. Jalandoni rendered a verbal report to the cabinet on Thursday's ambush on the Nueva Ecija-Quezon border, from which he miraculously escaped death.

A Malacañan statement said that the following facts were brought out in Jalandoni's report:

1. That he was satisfied with the cooperation of the constabulary as

to the strength of the escort force but that the usual security measures were not followed because of Mrs. Quezon's personal instructions not to allow uniformed men to precede her car in her belief that uniformed men might only provoke attack. Jalandoni said that Mrs. Quezon apparently was fully confident that nobody would think of doing her person harm.

2. That the attack was suddenly and treacherously perpetrated.

3. That the responsibility for security measures was vested by Mrs. Quezon herself in Major Pedro Alcantara, a nephew of Mrs. Quezon, whose decision on the deployment of escorts was respected by the constabulary officers.

4. That although Gen. Jalandoni said he has no way of identifying the assailants, he was sure in any case that they were "ruthless killers and thieves" because in addition to looting the bodies of their victims of money and jewelry, he heard some of the killers shout "Buhay pa iyan; Todasin ninyo silang lahat" (That one is still alive; wipe them all out).

During the cabinet meeting, the President issued a proclamation providing for the display of the national flag of the Philippines at half-mast for nine days on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

The proclamation said this act of public mourning was "in token of the loving remembrance of the late Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and as an expression of bereavement of our people for the untimely and immeasurable loss."

The President, who had planned to remain in Baguio for an indefinite time but who returned yesterday because of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party, yesterday announced that he had cancelled several speaking engagements, including those with the Boy Scouts conference in Baguio this weekend and the air force school at Lipa.

The President, however, may keep his speaking engagement following the Labor Day parade Sunday afternoon. It is understood that the President requested Secretary of Labor Primitivo Lovina to postpone his speaking engagement to the labor elements to another date but Lovina informed him that provincial delegations already were on their way to Manila and it was difficult to postpone the Labor Day parade which falls annually on May 1.

PLANES ALERTED AS PA, PC WAGE DRIVE ON AMBUSHERS

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CABANATUAN, Nueva Ecija, April 29.—The biggest drive against dissidents in the history of this province, launched by government forces shortly after the murder of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby and other members of her party, is now in progress with more government troops being committed to battle each hour.

Mrs. Quezon and members of her party were killed in a carefully planned and well executed Huk ambush at 10:30 a. m. yesterday at the horseshoe zigzag in barrio Usulan, a few kilometers from the Quezon province border.

Huge Philippine constabulary and Philippine army forces which swarmed this capital earlier today have been ordered to join three constabulary companies and Philippine army troops already in the field under the personal command of Col. Liberato Littau, north Luzon commander of the constabulary.

The government forces are now in hot pursuit of the Huk ambushers who were headed by Huk Commander Paulino Viernes, alias Commander Liwayway, known to be somewhere in the Sierras.

Further corroboration of the carefully laid plan to ambush Mrs. Quezon and her party was brought

here by some truck drivers who had been held on the zigzag road by the outlaws and kept there since Wednesday afternoon.

The drivers, who asked that they be not identified for security reasons, said their trucks which were bound from Baler to Cabanatuan with loads of lumber had been ordered to stay on the road until the party headed by Mrs. Quezon arrived on their way to Baler.

The truck drivers stated that the outlaws were well armed and numbered no less than 100. The dissidents had been waiting for the party of Mrs. Quezon since Wednesday afternoon, the drivers said. The Huks, they continued, promptly proceeded to form a road block with the trucks loaded with lumber so that the motorcade would be sure to stop and thus provide easy target for Huks strategically deployed along the high embankment looking down on the zigzag road.

An official informant who refused to be quoted said a group of ten temporary policemen, led by Capt. Pablo Hernandez of Agbanawag, arrived on the scene as the first reinforcement battled the Huks who were then chasing Capt. Olimpio Manalang. The latter fell wounded after sustaining four serious wounds.

Maj. Burgosino Fausto, operations officer who was leading the PC escort for the party of Mrs. Quezon, was saved by the arrival of Capt. Hernandez, as Maj. Fausto was the only constabulary left unhurt and he was then fighting the dissidents gallantly.

The informant estimated that no less than ten Huks were killed in the exchange of fire. Corporal Raymundo Silverio accounted for three Huks killed before he fell and pretended death. Another PC enlisted man, known only as Pascua, was credited with one Huk killed, aside from recovering Silverio's automatic rifle.

Capt. Hernandez' men who chased the ambushers believed that some ten other Huks were killed, as indicated by blood-stained hats left by the Huks who retreated in a disorderly manner in different directions.

Meanwhile, thousands of radio listeners in Nueva Ecija who jam-packed radio stores, houses and other establishments to listen to the broadcast about the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon, tried to avoid shedding tears. Others mourned and wept like children.

People who got up early this morning and were talking about the death of Mrs. Quezon were shocked again by another horrible news involving the death of four people, including a ten-year-

old boy, when an unidentified group of armed man attacked barrio San Isidro Malapit, San Isidro, this province, at 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

Killed were Carlos Buenaventura, 48, his wife, Petra, 36; Napoleon Goduco, 36; and his son, Cesar, 10. Goduco's wife, Monica Martin, 32, who was wounded in the right shoulder, was sent home to attend the burial of her husband.

According to information reaching Cabanatuan, the armed band which was believed to be on a robbery mission, struck at Buenaventura's house. He was shot dead by armed men under his house when he shouted for help. Other armed men then rushed under the house and shot the people in the house before they could go down to succor Buenaventura.

The alleged robbers fled in the darkness without looting the house as PC reinforcements from San Isidro, led by Capt. Proceso Sebastian, of the 10th PC company, rushed to the scene of the shooting.

Governor Juan O. Chioco, who returned from Manila to which he had escorted the bodies of the ambush victims, said that the widespread Huk atrocities in this province clearly contradict President Quirino's statement in Baguio that peace had been completely restored throughout the Philippines.

"The government must now face the situation squarely," Chioco said, adding that while the constabulary's main job is to restore peace, the people must cooperate to the fullest extent.

President Quirino's statement appearing in the newspapers this morning that he doubted if Huks were responsible for the killing of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party was contradicted by the ante-mortem statement of Philip Buencamino III who said that the ambushers were Huks. He made the statement to Dr. Alfredo Ortiz, senior resident physician at the Nueva Ecija provincial hospital.

PLANES ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

By JESUS E. BIGORNIA
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CABANATUAN, April 29.—At least one squadron of fighter planes at Floridablanca has been alerted for possible action against dissident bands in the Sierra Madre as government forces pushed a relentless drive to ferret out and bring to book the Huk bands responsible for the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party Thursday.

Two cub planes were sent up to spot the dissidents, believed to be seeking shelter in the wilderness of the Sierras around Bongabon.

The entire resources of the constabulary in Nueva Ecija, reinforced by Philippine army units, have been thrown into the intense manhunt for the ambushers. Col. Liberato Littau, PC north Luzon zone commander, arrived in Cabanatuan today to direct the punitive expedition.

An initial investigation of the tragedy disclosed that extreme consideration for the comfort of the Quezons contributed to the improper disposition of the constabulary escort for the motorcade.

The jeep carrying the escorts, Capt. Elpidio Manalang and Lieut. Diosdado Lasam and two enlisted men, was waved back by members of the party in the car bearing Mrs. Quezon, presumably to spare her discomfort from dust on the road.

Constabulary headquarters is of the belief that the party was adequately guarded, but the surprise attack contributed to the annihilation of the escort in the jeep.

Month Of Mourning Urged On Local Americans In Memory Of Mrs. Quezon

Members of the American community yesterday joined the Philippines and other countries in mourning the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon. Ewald E. Selph, president of the American Association of the Philippines, said that the group had recommended to local Americans a month of mourning for her.

In a statement issued in behalf of the American Community, Mr. Selph said:

"The members of the American Association of the Philippines are deeply shocked by the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, and her passing is an irreparable loss, not only to her own people, but also to Americans and to the world."

"She was called the First Lady of the Land, she was the widow of a great man, and her place in the Philippines was the same as that of Martha Washington in the early days of the American republic."

"We share in the people's grief

people a month of mourning for her."

Frederic H. Stevens, president of the American chamber of commerce, spoke on behalf of the chamber as follows:

We share in the people's grief over the tragic deaths of the noble wife and the beloved elder daughter of the late great leader, President Quezon, and of the other relatives and friends in Mrs. Quezon's party who were ambushed and killed by a ruthless band of criminals while on their way to Baler, the late President's birthplace. It is impossible to conceive of anything more shocking or pitiful. It is an appalling thing to have to write down in the annals of the nation. Americans here feel this deeply and wish they could aid or comfort. But what is there to say except that all peoples must pass through periods of tribulation and shame and that human beings are so constituted that in the end they are the stronger for them."

Nation Indignant Over Mrs. Quezon's Murder

Osmeña Leads Provincial Folk In Condemning Huks For Ambuscade

President Osmeña, from his home in retirement in Cebu, led the people in the provinces in condemning the "horrible crime" in which Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter Maria Aurora (Baby), Felipe Buencamino III, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo and others were killed on their way to Baler, Quezon, last Thursday.

From all parts of the Philippines, indignation at the Huks accompanied expressions of grief. Reaction everywhere was similar. At first, people did not believe that Mrs. Quezon and "Baby" were ambushed by the Huks. They just could not imagine that such a noble and well-known lady would be made the victim of foul play.

Then, when the news was confirmed, indignation at the dissidents was general. Bulletin correspondents from various provinces reported the following reactions:

CEBU

CEBU CITY, April 29.—President Osmeña was deeply shocked upon learning of the ambush and death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and members of her family. President Osmeña was stunned and speechless for sometime. He was visibly affected.

Mrs. Esperanza Osmeña was also shocked and grief-stricken. She shed tears upon first learning of the tragic news.

President Osmeña released the following statement: "I am shocked by the tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Quezon and her children and friends. No words are strong enough to condemn such a horrible crime. I join the nation in mourning for the untimely passing of 'Baby' Quezon."

Miss Quezon was the godchild of Mr. Osmeña, while Ramon Osmeña, one of the sons of the former President is the godchild of Mrs. Quezon.

The people's reaction was one of anger mingled with grief.

Dr. Feliciano Cruz, Red Cross administrator here, said the nation has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Quezon. Dr. Cruz recounted how "the grand old lady induced me not to resign from the Red Cross."

BAGUIO

BAGUIO, April 29.—Gloom and sadness settled in Baguio today when newspapers confirmed reports received by radio yesterday of the shocking ambush and death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, "Baby" Quezon, Philip Buencamino and other members of the party.

The Quezons who were considered Baguio residents were dearly loved by everyone here. The annual novena conducted personally by Mrs. Quezon before the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes has become a tradition here.

The Most Rev. Michael J. Doherty, archbishop of Manila, who is vacationing here was a close personal friend and spiritual adviser of the late President Quezon and of the family was stricken with grief. He issued the following statement:

"I am shocked beyond expression at the loss of so many valuable lives. I am praying for the repose of their souls."

"Mrs. Quezon had established a wonderful record as a diplomat, as a First Lady, as the consort of the late President Quezon. She has always been a national asset in holding the respect not only of Filipinos, but also of other people who came to know her. The Philippines suffers a great loss in the death of Mrs. Quezon, 'Baby' and other valuable persons."

Mrs. Fernanda Evangelista, president of the Baguio Catholic Women's League and personal friend of Mrs. Quezon, was in tears upon hearing the tragic news. She said: "Our hearts are heavy at the loss of our foremost Catholic lady, who was our honorary president. In her we always found a guiding spirit and an inspiration. We are praying for her, for 'Baby' and for Philip."

Several officers and members of the local CWL flew to Manila this morning to attend the funeral.

Vice Mayor Virginia Otayza-De Guia expressed deep sorrow. She said: "Mrs. Quezon has always been a resident of Baguio. We have lost our most distinguished citizen."

BATANGAS

BATANGAS, April 29.—Batangas folks were profoundly shocked at the mass slaying of Mrs. Quezon and others in the party. The entire province joined the nation in mourning upon learning of the tragedy through the radio and newspapers.

Governor Feliciano Leviste said: "I deeply regret the death of Mrs. Quezon, Maria Aurora and others."

This morning the provincial board passed a resolution of condolence and immediately flags were flown at half-mast over all public buildings.

The people on the streets were speechless when they first heard the news. Indignation at the dissidents was general.

DAVAO

DAVAO, April 29.—Hatred against the Huks and a general desire to exterminate them were expressed by people throughout this province upon learning by radio of the mass slaying of Mrs. Quezon, "Baby" Quezon and others. Everywhere today business was suspended as the people gathered to talk about the tragedy.

Government buildings and many private homes flew the flag at half mast as all people joined in mourning. The local Red Cross chapter, city and provincial officials are planning to hold necrological services.

Some sections assailed anew the amnesty granted to the Huks soon after President Quirino assumed office stating that this gave the Huks a chance to reorganize themselves into powerful combat units. Most people here have the impression that the Huks who are parading around in the guise of a peasant amelioration movement are in reality communist-led bandits.

SAMAR

CATBALOGAN, April 29.—Radio news of the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter "Baby" and son-in-law Philip Buencamino spread like a prairie fire throughout this province last night.

Governor Baltazar Avelino, Judge Fidel Fernandez, Delfin Reynaldo, superintendent of schools, and other officials immediately wired their message of condolence.

Many people were completely surprised by the reported Huk attack because of the administration's insistence that peace and order has been restored and that the Huk problem was under control.

NEGROS OCC.

BACOLOD, April 29.—All Negros Occidental was shocked upon reading of massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, "Baby" Quezon, Felipe Buencamino III, and 10 others.

Government officials headed by Governor Rafael Lacson condemned the act as lowly crime against the nation. They said the government should concentrate all available armed forces in central Luzon for an all-out drive against the dissidents.

Former Interior Secretary Alfredo Montelibano urged a mailed list policy against the Huks. He said they know only one language—force.

ILOILO

ILOILO, April 29.—Mixed feelings of grief and indignation gripped this province upon learning of the dastardly mass massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter and others by Hukbalahaps.

The city council and provincial boards approved this morning resolutions expressing the deep sorrow and sympathy of the people of Iloilo. The resolutions were sent to the Quezon and Buencamino families.

Mayor Vicente Ybiernes said that Mrs. Quezon's death was national loss and the crime was a national shame.

Governor Mariano Peñaflorida said: "As governor of this province, I express the feeling of the people when I say that it pains us to see our First Lady leave so soon and so unexpectedly. It is painful to realize that so noble a

woman, who inspired her husband to greatness, was killed by hands of evil that now menaces our national security. The death of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter and the others should lead to the eradication of that evil so that peace and order could be enjoyed by the Filipino people again."

Provincial Board Member Severino Ferraris said the massacre was a serious reflection on the Quirino administration which had deluded the people into believing that complete peace and order now reigns in this country.

"The massacre," Ferraris said, "is an eloquent denial written in blood of the administration's claim."

Voicing bitter indignation, the Times, Iloilo's leading publication said: "The massacre is revolting to human conscience. It is a sacrilege to the memory of that great man, President Quezon, that staunch advocate of social justice who dedicated his life so that in this part of the globe there could be a free people enjoying the blessings of liberty, justice and democracy."

The Times added that the Huks in committing the crime "might have served their purpose of making the world know that they are active in their fanatical unholy attempt to supplant the existing government without realizing that by their unpardonable, heinous crime they have done irreparable damage to the cause they have chosen to champion."

ILOCOS SUR

VIGAN, Ilocos Sur, April 29.—Necrological services in honor of the late Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and the other victims of the Huks will be held here tomorrow, it was agreed upon by local provincial officials and members of the Abra-Ilocos Sur Red Cross chapter at a meeting held here this morning.

The flag in front of the municipal building was displayed at half mast the whole day. Church bells were rung this afternoon at the time coinciding with the interment of the slain members of the Quezon family in Manila.

The whole province was deeply affected by the news of the Huk ambuscade. Newspapers sold like hot cakes and at certain places the price of newspaper was doubled.

"Is this the kind of peace and order we have?" local Nacionalista leaders asked. "Where is the peace and order of General Alberto Ramos," they continued, "The people now know what to do in the coming November elections."

Mrs. Perfecto Fayton, head of the local chapter of the Philippine National Red Cross, issued the following statement:

"I am greatly shocked at the untimely death of Mrs. Quezon, our dear beloved mother of the Philippines. Her death is a total loss to the whole Filipino people in general and to the Filipino women in particular. She had been our pride when she was alive. We whom she had left behind must always follow her path."

RIZAL CITY

RIZAL CITY, April 29.—Mayor Rufino F. Mateo of Rizal City headed the city officials who attended the interment of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino this afternoon.

The city municipal board, meanwhile, passed a resolution of condolence which was presented to the surviving members of the Quezon family by the mayor.

This morning Assistant City Attorneys Corazon Villa Lentin and Marcelo R. Peñaflor represented the city officials of Rizal City in making vigil to the deceased at the University of Santo Tomas chapel.

RIZAL

PASIG, Rizal, April 29.—News of the brutal murder of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, Baby, and son-in-law, Philip Buencamino, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City and other members of the Quezon party was received here with a mixed feeling of indignation and consternation.

Provincial officials were unanimous in declaring that this tragic incident should make the authorities more determined in intensifying the anti-dissident drive throughout the country.

A provincial official said: "What little sympathy I had for the Hukbalahaps is completely wiped out by this gruesome mass murder."

Members of both the provincial board and the Pasig municipal board indicated that resolutions

of condolence would be passed and presented to the surviving son and daughter of the late former first lady of the land.

BULACAN

MALOLOS, Bulacan, April 29.—Commenting on the murder of Doña Aurora A. Quezon by the Huks, Mayor Fausto Carlos of Calumpit said that the widow of the late President Quezon should have been spared by the Huks for humanity's sake.

The mayor stated that the slaying of Mrs. Quezon was no longer in accordance with the principle for which the dissidents were fighting for but a real act of brutality. He said he had ordered his police force to be in constant hunt for the Huks and to offer no leniency to those apprehended.

Governor Fortunato Halili headed the list of provincial and municipal officials who attended the funeral services for the Quezon victims this afternoon in Manila.

Meanwhile, four constabulary companies operating at mounts Bularero, Camatsili, Carunzo and Angat for the past two days were recalled today after they had reached their objectives without encountering any dissident.

It was learned here today that the Huks who had reportedly concentrated at Angat had been able to escape through the constabulary cordon towards Nueva Ecija by way of the Papaya mountain.

In Baliuag, government forces had been deployed at the remotest barrios with armored cars. They were ordered to be always on the alert in case of any eventuality.

Governor Halili announced today that he will confer with General Ramos tomorrow on the inauguration of the new constabulary headquarters here.

QUEZON

CATANAUAN, Quezon, April 29.—Local municipal employes and members of the teaching force were grief stricken at the death of three members of the Quezon family. The tragic news first came over the radio.

NEGROS OCC.

BACOLOD, April 29.—Delegates and members of the Philippine Medical Association who are now here attending the annual convention were honored at a luncheon given by Governor Rafael Lacson at the University Club today. The convention opened this morning with Dr. Guillermo Rustia presiding.

Members of the association motored this afternoon to the Ossorio estate to visit the St. Joseph hospital which is reputedly one of the best equipped in the Philippines. Dr. Ricardo Jara, head surgeon of the hospital, was host at a merienda given at the hospital grounds.

Quezon's Death Shocks Truman, Officials; Filipinos In US Mourn

(By Associated Press)

The death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon shocked high officials, including President Truman, who knew her as a humanitarian worker and widow of a great Philippine leader.

Officials here and in Manila mourned the tragedy. Mrs. Quezon, 30-year-old and eldest daughter of President Quezon, and ten other prominent Filipinos.

President Truman appeared shocked when he heard of the news. He said it was a tragic mistake. I am sure the attack was intended for someone else. No one in the Philippines would want to kill Mrs. Quezon who was a great leader among her people.

Red Cross President Basil O'Connor sent condolences to the Philippine Red Cross, describing her as the "society's most devoted and inspired leader." He said the World Red Cross "mourns the passing of this great humanitarian."

In Tokyo, shocked by news of the ambush slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others Thursday, Bernabe Africa, head of the Philippine mission to Japan, called it the "most cowardly act in recent times."

Africa said he had been informed that several members of the party were killed after they had made known their identity adding "this shows it was a deliberate murder."

"I was shocked beyond measure when I received the sad news of the murder of Mrs. Quezon, her son-in-law and others of the party," said Africa. "It is the most cowardly act in recent times."

The authors of this atrocious attack are the Hukbalahaps. Personally I believe the government should intensify its campaign against the Hukbalahaps and their bandit associates who roam the plains and mountains of the central provinces. Unless they are eliminated the country will not be able to produce the food that is needed for many years because the farmers can not plant and harvest their crops."

Africa said he had no information regarding possibility the attack was aimed at President Quirino.

TOKYO, April 29 (AP).—General MacArthur sent a personal message of condolences to the Quezon family today. He refused any comment for publication or to release the text of his message here.

NEW YORK, April 29 (UP).—Filipinos and friends of the Philippines—from President Truman on down—were shocked by the Nueva Ecija massacre.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde hurried back to Washington from New York when notified of the tragedy by an embassy spokesman.

Reporters gave President Truman the news at a White House press conference. Mr. Truman said it was an awful tragedy.

Staffs at the Philippine delegation to the United Nations and at the consulate general were stunned by the news when it reached their offices, and many telephoned press services for details.

Philippine UN Delegate Carlos P. Romulo's office said he was en route from Manila and probably would be notified at San Francisco.

The tragedy was headlined as the day's biggest story in the New York World Telegram and the New York Sun. The Telegram carried a six-column banner over United Press Manila bureau manager Ralph Teatsorth's story beside two-column portraits each of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken during their 1942 visit here.

The New York Post and the Journal American headlined the story as second in importance only to the talks on the Berlin blockade.

In Washington, former acting Philippine High Commissioner J. Weldon Jones said: "Mrs. Jones and I are deeply shocked to hear the tragic news concerning Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. We have lost two very dear personal friends. I can personally join with those who knew from close associations the sterling character and great wisdom of the ex-president's wife. She was a quiet but outstanding supporter of her illustrious husband. She was a great credit to Filipino womanhood."

House Republican floor leader Charles Halleck called the incident "deplorable." He said, "The late President Quezon and his wife were magnificent people, and it is certainly most tragic that Mrs. Quezon has been victim of such vicious and brutal action."

Republican Rep. Karl Stefan of Nebraska, whose association with the Philippines goes back 40 years, said the assassination was "a most terrible thing. I think it was definitely a communist-inspired act. Its significance is more important against the background of events in the Far East. An incident of this kind emphasizes the need to continue United States aid in rehabilitating the Philippines in the same manner as we are doing in Europe. The Philippines is on the eye of what will undoubtedly be a bitterly-fought campaign. Without interfering in its internal affairs, we can assist the Philippines in maintaining order in the same way we have helped other countries."

Richard Ely, chief of the state department's Philippine division, said, "All of us had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Quezon are very greatly shocked. She was a gracious lady."

Philippine Sen. Vicente Sotto said in New York that he had cabled President Quirino urging the proclamation of martial law in provinces infested by Hukbalahaps.

Sotto, who is currently serving with the United Nations delegation from the Philippines, said he advised Mr. Quirino that Filipinos in the United States were "indignant over this dastardly crime."

Minister Jose P. Melencio said he endorsed Sotto's appraisal of Filipino reaction here.

Embassy press attache A. L. Valencia in Washington said the embassy would have high requiem mass to coincide with the services in Manila.

Republican Rep. Walter Judd said he was "shocked and saddened by the death of Mrs. Quezon," whom he described as a "close personal friend."

"It is a great tragedy that people who have given their entire lives in leading the fight in the Far East for genuine independence and democracy should meet such a fate," Judd declared.

"This is a preview of the pattern which will be followed throughout Asia by fifth columnists and their tools. We can expect a marked increase in such occurrences following the communist victories in China."

"If this incident wakes the United States up in time to stop further advance of communism in Asia, then Mrs. Quezon's death will serve to continue the services she rendered during her life."

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Wayne Coy, former official in the Philippine high commissioner's office, said "Americans who had come to know and honor the Quezon family through the years will join the Philippine nation in mourning this tragedy. * * * Our only consolation is that the memory of the ideals and services of Manuel Quezon will burn all the brighter in the hearts of all freedom-loving people because of this martyrdom of his family."

Sen. Millard Tydings, one of the co-authors of Philippine independence, said when the news of Mrs. Quezon's death was brought to him, "I am shocked beyond expression. * * * She contributed in her quiet and modest way immeasurably to complete freedom for the Philippines."

Washington's three afternoon papers printed the assassination story on the front page, with the Evening Star making it the lead story with an eight-column banner line and a two-column picture of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken then they were here during the war at their home in exile in nearby Leesburg, Virginia.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (UP).—Philippine Senator Tomas Confesor said that the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party was "a sad commentary on the maintenance of law and order in the Philippines."

He said that the loss of Mrs. Quezon and other members of her party was a "terrible tragedy" for the Philippines.

Recuperating in Oakland from a stroke, Confesor said that he plans to leave for Manila "any time now" to face what he described as "trumped up" charges that he ordered the execution of two Filipinos during the war.

NEW YORK, April 29 (UP). The Times said that the Philippine ambush murders "will be greeted here as in the Philippines with grief, horror and disappointment."

"The Philippines has lost in Mrs. Quezon a gracious lady who was widely beloved and honored for her leadership in many good causes," the paper said. "Our horror seems from the senseless depravity of this sort of thing... No conceivably sane motive could have prompted any person to slaughter such a group... Our disappointment rises from this blow to our high hopes that law and order had been fully restored in the Philippines... Our deep sympathy goes out to the Filipinos in this grievous loss and with it our hope that the lawless aftermath of the cruel days of the war may soon come to an end."

Nation Pays Final Tribute To Mrs. Quezon



THE FIRST LADY IS LAID TO REST. There was nationwide grief yesterday as final rites were held for Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby and her son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III, victims of a Huk ambuscade on the road to Baler last Thursday. The police estimated that about 700,000 people took part in the funeral cortege or lined Manila streets through which the funeral procession passed. The nation was led in mourning by President Quirino who flew down from Baguio to take part in the final tribute to Mrs. Quezon. Top photo, left, shows the pallbearers as the cortege left the University of Sto. Tomas chapel where the remains lay in

state yesterday, among those in the picture being the President, former Speaker Jose Yulo, Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran, Speaker Eugenio Perez, RFC Manager Delfin Buencamino and high government officials. Top right, former Ambassador and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt, call at Sto. Tomas to pay their last respects. Middle panel, left, Miss Vicky Quirino, escorted by an aide, arrives for the funeral rites. Middle and right photos show part of the crowd that lined the streets in the route of the cortege. Bottom panel shows the President at the UST chapel immediately upon his return from Baguio: (left) commiserating with Nonong Quezon and (right), pausing grief-stricken in front of Mrs. Quezon's bier.

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Thousands Grieve as Bodies Of Quezons Are Laid to Rest

A nation bowed its head in grief yesterday as Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter Baby and her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III went to their final resting place.

The remains of the three—innocent victims of a nameless crime—were interred side by side in the family plot at the North Cemetery where the late President Manuel Quezon is entombed.

Three hundred thousand people turned out yesterday either to take part in or witness the funeral cortege as it wended its way slowly and solemnly from the University of Sto. Tomas chapel to the cemetery. President Quirino walked part of the way immediately behind the funeral van. A great number of cars, estimated at no less than 1,000, formed part of the procession.

As early as 2 o'clock in the afternoon, thousands upon thousands gathered at the UST grounds, lined up both sides of the streets where the funeral would pass and filled the North Cemetery. The blazing sun beat down mercilessly on the milling crowd. But they stood their ground and waited patiently leaving the chapel at 4:40 o'clock, the cortege reached the cemetery at exactly 6 o'clock.

At exactly 4 p.m. President Quirino accompanied by his camp arrived at the U.S.T. chapel and knelt down before the chair which was especially provided for him. The President was the principal pall bearer for Mrs. Quezon. In the morning, the President attended the requiem mass. He went direct to the chapel upon his return from Baguio. He left the chapel following the mass to meet his

As soon as the three caskets were laid side by side, Bishop Rufino Santos of Manila took his place at the head of the caskets and conducted the burial services. President Quirino, former Speaker Jose Yulo and other government officials and relatives of the dead stood on the opposite side.

After the biers were blessed, the pall-bearers once more lifted Mrs. Quezon casket and carried it to the niche that was still wet and soft with the tears of her husband. At exactly 6:15 it was slowly pushed into the crypt.

Then with their eyes dimmed by tears, Baby's co-members of the Ylao, lifted her casket and slowly carried it to her assigned place on the far end of the lot. Philip's casket came later. Baby's and Philip's caskets were laid side by side.

At 6:20 the crowd slowly dispersed, still with bowed heads.

Among the early arrivals in the cemetery yesterday were Minister Thomas H. Lister, Col. Andres Soriano, and ten Philippine and United States government officials.

Also seen among the small crowd were Mrs. Trinidad L. Roxas and her daughter, Baby, and the two surviving Quezon children, Maria (Nina) Quezon Buencamino and Manuel (Bongabon), Jr.

Gen. MacArthur

Mercado Firm To Fete Bus Meet Delegates

The N C Mercado Truck Body Builder will give a luncheon party on May 1, Labor Day, for the delegates to the current land transportation convention being held in Manila. The affair will take place at 203 Fifteenth Avenue, Cebu, Quezon City.

All delegates to the convention and customers of the concern and their friends are invited to the party.

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He said "we must never allow again those who shock the human conscience by such attacks on society as were perpetrated against the very mother of our people to repeat their dastardly deed."

It is ironic, said President Quirino, that the authors of the crime should pick for their victims the very people who had the welfare of the masses at heart. For both Mrs. Quezon and her daughter, Maria Aurora, have been devoting their entire time to charitable work, after they lost the greatest champion of the masses—President Quezon, Quirino asserted.

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President Quirino expressed his regret that the crime perpetrated on Mrs. Quezon and her party is being used as political capital, little knowing that by nurturing the seeds of dissension and confusion, these politicians are actually giving aid and comfort to the dissident elements in their propaganda and in their efforts to undermine this government.

The nation, said President Quirino, is filled with revulsion at the ruthlessness and heartlessness of the murderous attack. Mrs. Quezon, Quirino said, never thought she would be prey to barbarous assault. There was every indication that the lawless elements intended to rob her and her party and to kill to achieve that end, said President Quirino. In the presence of his cabinet, he said,

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The interment will take place at 9 o'clock in the morning at the North Cemetery. The funeral cortege will start from the city hall. Secretary of Interior Sotero Baluyut will be the principal speaker at the necrological program.

Members of various civic and city organizations are keeping vigil at the city hall where the body was transferred yesterday morning from the Sto. Tomas chapel.

Meantime, final arrangements for the interment of the San Agustin brothers are still being considered by their immediate relatives. It was tentatively agreed that the burial will take place on Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. The place of interment is still undetermined.

The bodies lie in state at the Funeraria Nacional where brother officers of the San Agustins and relatives are keeping vigil. Also at the funeral parlor is the body of Lt. Diosdado Arabejo, another ambush victim. Arabejo's widow said burial will take place also on Tuesday morning at the La Loma cemetery.

Thousands Grieve as Bodies Of Quezons Are Laid to Rest

A nation bowed its head in grief yesterday as Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter Baby and her son-in-law Philip Buencamino III went to their final resting place.

The remains of the three—innocent victims of a nameless crime—were interred side by side in the family plot at the North Cemetery where the late President Manuel Quezon is entombed.

Three hundred thousand people turned out yesterday either to take part in or witness the funeral cortege as it wended its way slowly and solemnly from the University of Sto. Tomas chapel to the cemetery. President Quirino walked part of the way immediately behind the funeral van. A great number of cars, estimated at no less than 1,000, formed part of the procession.

As early as 2 o'clock in the afternoon, thousands upon thousands gathered at the UST grounds, lined up both sides of the streets where the funeral would pass and filled the North Cemetery. The blazing sun beat down mercilessly on the milling crowd. But they stood their ground and waited patiently. Leaving the chapel at 4:30 o'clock, the cortege reached the cemetery at exactly 6 o'clock.

At exactly 4 p.m. President Quirino accompanied by his camp arrived at the U.S.T. chapel and knelt down before the chair which was especially provided for him. The President was the principal pall bearer for Mrs. Quezon. In the morning, the President attended the requiem mass. He went direct to the chapel upon his return from Baguio. He left the chapel following the mass to meet his cabinet at Malacanang.

There was some difficulty at the Quezon family burial grounds. The crowd kept pouring in and the police and constabulary soldiers spent quite a time pushing their way in and clearing the way for the cortege.

Suddenly, there was a hush and silence, broken only now and then by a stifled sob. The people bowed their heads as pallbearers carried in the caskets one by one to the strains of "Nearer My God To Thee," played by the constabulary band.

Mrs. Quezon's remains came first. Draped in a Filipino flag, her casket was laid a few feet from the gate of the Quezon burial grounds to await her daughter and Philip. Baby's coffin was carried by members of the Ylae, an organization of young ladies of which she was the president; that of Philip by his father, sister and close relatives.

As soon as the three caskets were laid side by side, Bishop Rufino Santos of Manila took his place at the head of the caskets and conducted the burial services. President Quirino, former Speaker Jose Yulo and other government officials and relatives of the dead stood on the opposite side.

After the biers were blessed, the pallbearers once more lifted Mrs. Quezon casket and carried it to the niche that was still wet and soft built beside that of her husband. At exactly 6:15 it was slowly pushed into the crypt.

Then with their eyes dimmed by tears, Baby's co-members of the Ylae, lifted her bier and slowly carried it to her assigned place on the far end of the lot. Philip's turn came later. Baby's and Philip's tombs were built side by side.

At 6:20 the crowd slowly dispersed, still with bowed heads.

Among the early arrivals at the cemetery yesterday were Minister Thomas H. Lockett, Col. Andres Soriano, and top Philippine and United States government officials.

Also seen among the thick crowd were Mrs. Trinidad L. Roxas and her daughter, Ruby, and the two surviving Quezon children, Maria (Nini) Quezon-Buencamino and Manuel (Nong), Jr.

Gen. MacArthur Sends Condolence

TOKYO, April 29—(INS)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur radioed his condolences today to the surviving children of Mrs. Aurora Quezon who was killed yesterday in an ambush of a motorcade north of Manila.

Contents of the supreme commander's message were not revealed in Tokyo. It was stated that Gen. MacArthur is making no public statement on the slaying of the widow of the Philippines' first president.

Condemnation of Huk Massacre Of Quezon Party Continues to Mount

Nationwide condemnation of the brutal murder of Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon, her daughter "Baby," her son-in-law Felipe Buencamino III, and nine other members of her party, continued to mount yesterday with reactions coming from President Sergio Osmeña, Senator Emiliano T. Tirona, Judge Jesus G. Barrera, Mariano P. Balgos, secretary of the Communist party, and others.

"I am shocked by the tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Quezon, her children and friends," former President Osmeña said.

"No words will be strong enough to condemn such horrible crime. I join the nation in mourning for their untimely passing."

Baby Aurora Quezon was the god-child of President Osmeña, while Ramon, the former President's son, was the god-child of Mrs. Quezon.

Senator Tirona said, "May this bloody incident open the eyes of our countrymen to realization that it is suicidal and fratricidal to maintain this situation which is harmful to the honor of our country and our Republic."

As a private citizen, the Cavite solon said, "I hereby regret the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon, who in spite of the bitter political struggle that took place between her beloved husband, President Quezon, and our opposition group she and her husband tried their best to maintain their personal friendly relations with us, showing that the stringent political relations were not a bar in the continuation of personal relations."

Mrs. Quezon was the god-mother of the senator's youngest daughter. He stated that he will always remember her solicitude for her god-daughter, who was seriously ill when baptized and also for her affectionate attention to his son, during their trip from Europe to Manila in 1933.

The senator also extolled Buencamino, Mayor Bernardo, the San Agustin brothers and the officers and men of the PC escort who perished in the ambush.

"If the reported revolting details of the most lamentable Baler atrocity are true, the act was banditry of the most barbarous type," stated Judge Jesus G. Barrera, head of the Democratic Alliance party.

"If the Huks are responsible for it, they must know that through acts such as this, they are not only justifying punitive action against them, but are actually fast alienating the sympathy of those who sincerely labor for the uplift of the underprivileged, whom the Huks claim to champion."

Barrera concluded, "for no man in his right sense, however zealous he may be in the advancement of what he thinks is right, can countenance the wanton killing of innocent, peaceful women, whoever may be the perpetrators."

Mariano P. Balgos, general secretary of the Communist party, laid the blame for the Quezon massacre on the PC escort and the administration, saying that "as long as the Philippines is under American imperialist domination there will be no peace and order in our country."

Calling the death of Mrs. Quezon and the others at the hands of armed men "unfortunate," he said, "I understand that Mrs. Quezon and her family used to travel from Arayat to Baler before but never had any incident. The PC convoy no doubt is partly to blame for this tragedy. Mrs. Aurora Quezon in her lifetime was sympathetic to labor."

"The Quirino administration should be blamed for this unfortunate incident because of its subservience to American interests in its outmoded attitude towards the problem of peace and order and its callous denial of agrarian reforms long wanted by the peasants in Central Luzon."

Frederic H. Stevens, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, spoke in behalf of his colleagues: "It is impossible to conceive of anything more shocking or pitiful. It is an appalling thing to have to write down in the annals of the nation. Americans here feel this deeply and wish they could extend aid or comfort. But what is there to say except that all peoples must pass through periods of tribulation and shame and that human beings are so constituted that in the end they are the stronger for them."

Leon G. Guinto, ex-mayor of Manila, who rushed back to the city yesterday from Quezon province upon hearing of the ambush, said that the people of Mrs. Quezon's home province are in deep mourning over the tragic event.

On behalf of the American community, Ewald E. Selph, president of the American Association of the Philippines, yesterday stated: "The members of the American Association of the Philippines are deeply shocked by the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her passing is an irreparable loss, not only to her own people, but also to Americans and to the world. She was called the First Lady of the Land, she was the widow of a great man, and her place in the Philippines was the same as that of Martha Washington in the early days of the American Republic. We have recommended to our people a month of mourning for her."

The bureau of plant industry's fieldmen's convention issued a resolution of condolence, stating that "before her untimely sacrifice, Mrs. Quezon, like her illustrious husband, did everything in her power for the welfare of the common man" and "we who work for the uplift and betterment of the life of the lowly farmers have always felt her benign influence in every true-hearted Filipino home." The resolution was sent to Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino, lone surviving daughter.

Governor Salvador Escudero of Sorsogon blames the massacre on the vacillating policy of the government with regards to peace and order. He claims that the present policy is "weak and half hearted." He advocates the promulgation of martial law to assert government authority in the Huk areas.

The people of Sorsogon were shocked by the news of Mrs. Quezon's death which was announced by the radio the other night. Jose Paguia, administrator of the Sorsogon-Masbate chapter of the Philippine National Red Cross, wept during the news broadcast.

In Isabela, public criticism is mounting against the PC command for issuing false reports regarding the peace and order situation in Central Luzon.

Governor Silvino Gumpal led the officials of his province in mourning the loss of Mrs. Quezon. He said that the murder is just a preview of things to come if the dissidents gain the upper hand.

Governor Mariano Peñaflorida of Iloilo carried the massacre as "the most atrocious crime ever committed by the dissidents in Central Luzon." He extolled the late First Lady of the Land as one who has "always stood by the welfare of the masses whose cause the Huks claim to be fighting for. Her murder perpetrated by the Huks themselves show how utterly unjustified is their attempt to overthrow the government."

Resolutions of condolence have been passed by the provincial board and the city municipal board of Iloilo.

A member of the provincial board who is a personal friend of the victims said, "Their massacre is a serious reflection on the Quirino administration which deluded the people into believing that peace and order now reigns in this country. The murder of Mrs. Quezon and others is an eloquent denial of President Quirino's proud boast that he has succeeded in restoring peace and order. It is a denial written in innocent blood."

In Bacolod, the delegates to the Philippine Medical Society convention were all indignant over the killing. The news of the tragedy was heard over the radio the other night.

The Bacolod branch of the Philippine National Red Cross, under the administration of Mrs. Rosario Valdez, is preparing elaborate necrological services for Mrs. Quezon, who was the PNRC chairman.

The public in Bacolod City blame both the government and the Huks for the death of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter Baby and others.

The Red Cross flag here has been flown at half-mast.

Combined Forces Shell Huk Lairs

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 29.—Heavy Constabulary and Army forces led by Col. Liberto Littana and Macario Asistio today waged a relentless offensive against the hunted Hukbalahap forces which massacred members of the Quezon party last Thursday in Bongabon, this province.

Government troopers pitched in mortar shells towards the top of a mountain near the scene of the Quezon tragedy, where the killers of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others were believed bivouacked.

Reconnaissance planes which flew over the Bongabon vicinity spotted small huts on the top of the mountain. The huts were believed to be lairs of the hunted Hukbalahap men, headed by Commanders Lupo, Marzan, Munong, and Viernes.

Armored and scout cars incessantly rumbled with ammunition and other equipments since last night from this capital to the battlefronts as Army and Constabulary soldiers joined forces in a determined punitive attack to rout the Quezon killers.

Heavy mortar fire were heard and clearly seen from this capital towards the vicinity of the Quezon ambush.

Several PC, PA groups, including the Nenita unit under the personal command of Colonel Napoleon Valeriano, initiated the government assault on the Huk bastion in Bongabon.

Planes and heavy artillery pieces are expected to arrive from Manila sometime today for a concentrated shelling of the Huk hideout in Bongabon. The all-out offensive to rout the Quezon killers was started early last night, following orders from President Quirino, who directed the PC-PA general offensive against the Hukbalahap forces.

Meanwhile, Governor Juan O. Chiocho of this province announced this afternoon that he is against placing Nueva Ecija under martial law. The placing of all Central Luzon provinces under martial law was proposed by senators, following receipt of the news of the Quezon tragedy.

Governor Chiocho said that the peace and order of the province is serious, but martial law will worsen the situation. He pointed out that residents will resent the curtailing of their civil rights with the imposition of martial law. He added that the only solution to the peasant unrest is big PC and PA reinforcements to enable the farmers to return to their fields. He also advocated the expropriation of big landed estate, if necessary, for the economic progress of the peasantry in the Central Luzon provinces.

The general consensus here blames the Philippine Constabulary intelligence units for their failure to locate the Huk positions along the Baler national highway from this province. The same ambushers were believed responsible for the hijacking of lumber trucks that rolled over the same highway.

Other sources also blamed the relaxed PC operations here to the revamping of the constabulary commands here, with the relief of Col. Demetrio Camua and his veteran company commanders, by Lt. Col. Angel Magallanes. The same informants said that the new officers are unused to the terrain of this province. This was believed, to have been responsible for the weak intelligence operations of the PC.

Additional reports on the Quezon tragedy that trickled into this capital said that General Rafael Jalandoni was spared by the Huks because of his civilian attire. One Huk was said to have been heard as saying that Jalandoni be spared because "he is a civilian."

Intensified Huk activity was reported in other towns of this province, with the killing of four persons, and the wounding of another, by the dissidents. The Hukbalahaps, according to PC reports killed their victims while attempting to rob the latter's houses in barrio San Isidro Malapit, San Isidro, this province.

Official reports received at the governor's office said that several armed men surrounded the home of Carlos Buenaventura, 40 and Petra Patlag, 39 at seven o'clock last night. When Carlos shouted for help, the Huks, it was learned, fired indiscriminately at the residents of the house, killing Carlos, his wife, Petra and Napoleon Goduco, the couple's nephew. Cesar Goduco, son of Napoleon was seriously wounded by mortal gunshots, and expired later. Monica Goduco, wife of Napoleon was seriously wounded.—g.a.c.

Findings Reveal Huks Laid Trap

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 29.—The blood-thirsty Hukbalahap forces trapped the ill-fated Quezon party with a hail of machine-gun bullets, following a chine-gun ambushade. Constabulary findings disclosed today.

PC reports stated that the Hukbalahaps prepared for the massacre of the Quezon party, after learning of the impending arrival of the motorcade through many placards along the Baler route. The placards, Constabulary probers found, were placed on tree trunks along the national highway from Cabanatuan to Baler.

Major Angel Magallanes of the PC probers, who investigated

ed the Quezon tragedy said that the Huk ambushers fired from atop the trees. This information was given by lumbermen who claimed to have been held as captives by the Huks preparatory to the arrival of the Quezon party.

TOWNLIFE

By Corazon Grau Villanueva

One sees such varied expressions on people's faces as one watches a funeral procession go by. We thought Vicki Quirino had a very serious mien as she sat beside her father, the President, in the presidential car which followed the funeral cortege of Doña Aurora, Baby Quezon and Philip Buencamino, III. She wore black with a black lace mantilla. In car No. 4 were some six ladies, we believe, one of them seated in the front seat being Mrs. Anglita Garcia. She was in black and she had a black lace mantilla. As No. 4 car rolled by one noticed everyone in it in steady converse. One carful of diputados carried grim-faced men, and in former Speaker Yulo's car was Doña Aurora's cousin Doña Mameng Peña. People lining the streets where the funeral cortege passed craned their necks in vein for Nini Quezon Buencamino, Philip's young widow, and Nonong Quezon, Dr. Victor Buencamino, Philip's father, was in a convertible car. In church (the Santisimo Rosario) there were of course crowds and crowds, and one noticed if one got close enough or stood at an advantageous position, Doña Trining Yulo, de Roxas, accompanied by two ladies. She was heavily veiled, and one learns that she was there the night the bodies of Doña Aurora and Baby and Philip were brought there. She was also at the mass yesterday morning. Nonong was seen to come out of the sacristy when people had thinned out a bit, go to his mother's coffin and stand there to pray. In the afternoon among the countless shocked mourners in the church before the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. McNutt, Col. Andres Soriano, Antonio Roxas, one Baby "Q."s Ylao girls and Girl Scouts were a most tearful looking bunch of girls and we don't wonder. Baby meant so much to them.

Mrs. Quezon Thought Nobody Would Wish Her Harm, Jalandoni Reports

Mrs. Aurora Quezon would still be alive today, had it not been for her inner faith in her "own beloved people," her absolute confidence that none of her countrymen would wish her harm.

This fact was brought out yesterday during the Cabinet meeting presided by President Quirino at Malacañan when Major General Ramon Jalandoni gave a first-hand account of the Quezon tragedy.

Jalandoni said that following no one would think of attacking her. Mrs. Quezon had refused PC escorts to protect her car. She had stationed uniformed soldiers at the head of a motorcade might protect an attack by the dissidents while a glimpse of her leading the party would be sufficient to cause would-be attackers to desist.

Punitive measures against those who murdered Mrs. Quezon and 11 others were discussed during the Cabinet meeting yesterday between President Quirino, Major General Mariano Castañeda and Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos. The President gave new instructions to both generals to join forces for the elimination of dissidents in Central Luzon. Details, however, of the government measures were not divulged.

In token of mourning for the death of Mrs. Quezon, President Quirino yesterday issued a proclamation providing for the display of the national flag at half mast for nine days, from April 29 to May 7, in all public buildings.

In his report to the Cabinet, Jalandoni said that the attack was sudden and treacherous. Jalandoni also said that Mrs. Quezon placed the responsibility for the security measures on her nephew, Major Pedro Alcantara, whose decision on the deployment of the constabulary officers was respected.

Jalandoni said that he could not identify the assailants but that he was sure they were "ruthless killers and thieves" because, in addition to looting the dead bodies of money and jewelry, some of the killers shouted "Buhay pa iyan. Todasín ninyo silang lahat. (That one is still alive. Kill them all.)"

President Quirino cancelled several speaking engagements including those with the Boy Scouts conference in Baguio this weekend and the Air Force school in Lipa.

President Quirino, however, will speak at the Labor Day ceremonies tomorrow afternoon.

The Senate yesterday unanimously approved a resolution of condolence for the death of Mrs. Quezon and two members of her immediate family in the Huk ambush at Bongabong-Baler boundary last Thursday.

The resolution was adopted by the senate after nine senators had delivered speeches extolling the sterling qualities and achievements of Mrs. Quezon, especially in the field of social welfare and charity work. Those who eulogized Mrs. Quezon on the floor of the Senate were Senators Mariano J. Cuenco, Prospero Sanidad, Camilino, Tomas Cabili, Jose O. Osias, Gerontina T. Pasion, Emilio Vera, Tria Tirona, Lorenzo T. Rada and Vicente Madrigal. At this awful time, Nini Quezon Buencamino will need all the courage and resiliency of the famous spirit which a daughter of Mrs. Quezon must surely have.

All the speakers emphasized the urgent need for taking prompt action to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

The lower house adjourned early yesterday afternoon in deference to the interment of Mrs. Quezon.

Four members of the House, Congressman Manuel Zosa (I-Cebu), Constancio Padilla (Nueva Ecija), Adriano Lomauad (L-Samar) and Amado Yuzon (DA-Pampanga), eulogized Mrs. Quezon.

The speakers deplored the violent manner in which Mrs. Quezon was killed. They took turns in recalling the noble deeds of Mrs. Quezon. Several of the speakers called the attention of the congressmen to the fact that it was the late President Quezon who started on the social justice program. For this reason, they said, they could see no explanation why a woman loved by thousands and respected should suffer a violent death.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Julita V. Sotelo, president of the Filipino Nurses' Association, yesterday issued a statement expressing the condolence of its members over the shocking and untimely death of Mrs. Quezon.

Mrs. Sotelo revealed that Mrs. Quezon recently obtained P5000 from the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva for the treatment of six nurses who incurred tuberculosis during the war.

"The women of the Philippines," Miss Sotelo said, "lost a leader, a great sympathizer and a staunch sponsor of social justice for all."

Incidentally...

By Virginia Benitez Licanuan

FOR A GREAT LADY: The tragic death of Doña Aurora Quezon has shocked all of us not only because of its suddenness, but because it was too violent an end for so gentle a person. The contrast between the cruel ruthlessness of her assailants and the serenity and humanity of her spirit is what makes the attack seem as outrageous and blasphemous as the desecration of a holy shrine. The nation grieves for this great lady, who was a lady in every wonderful sense of the word, and we cannot help but feel that with her passing the almost-forgotten beauty and freedom and peace of old bygone days have moved even farther from her country's desperate reach. Now that she is gone there will be many memorials proposed in her honor... monuments, buildings, streets... but what could be a more fitting memorial than the eradication of the sources of the very violence and lawlessness which caused her death?

But as always when death strikes suddenly, our hearts go out to those who are left behind. The horror of the news of the tragedy is intensified when we think of the girl who, cherished, loved and sheltered... with one quick blow was rendered orphan, widow and alone. At this awful time, Nini Quezon Buencamino will need all the courage and resiliency of the famous spirit which a daughter of Mrs. Quezon must surely have.

Provoked by what he called "the ruthlessness and heartlessness of murderous attack" upon Mrs. Quezon whom he described as the outstanding woman of our time, President Quirino last night broadcast from his study room his wrath at the perpetrators of the "barbarous assault."

He was previously announced to air his broadcast at 7:30 p.m. but because he kept on revising his speech, the schedule was postponed first for 8:30, and finally at 8:45. As the President read his speech, Private Secretary Fred Manaligas, Senior Aide Lauro Hernandez and Assistant Press Secretary

Guillermo V. Sison scurried back and forth between the stenographers' room and the President's study room bringing the revised portions of the speech page by page. E n e r g e t i c Sison missed a step while he was rushing downstairs and almost broke a knee.

After delivering his 15-minute speech, the President told newsmen that anyone found concealing information as to the identity or whereabouts of the culprits will be as guilty. The President also recalled that it was on the same spot where Mrs. Quezon was murdered where President Quezon's father was killed by robbers many years ago.

The whole day yesterday, the Apo received radiograms from various parts of the country and from foreign lands expressing condolences over the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party.

Visibly saddened, the President stepped out of the Guest House at 7:50 a.m. yesterday to board his car for the Loakan airfield where the Laong Laan was waiting for him. He took off twenty minutes later. From the Manila International Airport, the Apo, went direct to the U.S.T. Chapel where lay the remains of Mrs. Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon, Philip Buencamino III and others.

He knelt down to pray among the teeming, perspiring mourners as the requiem mass for the dead was being said.

He returned to the Palace shortly before 11 o'clock changed his suit, took a brief rest, before he conferred with Major General Mariano Castañeda and Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos over the Quezon tragedy. Together with both generals, he entered the cabinet room where the members of his official family, all with black ties mourning armbands, were awaiting him.

The cabinet meeting ended at about 1:30 p.m. The President again appeared at the U.S.T. Chapel at 4 o'clock sharp accompanied by daughter Vicky in time for the funeral rites. He acted as the principal pall-bearer for the body of Mrs. Quezon together with Senate President Mariano Jesus Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Chief Justice Manuel Moran and Mrs. Francisca T. Benitez.

At the cemetery he laid a flower before each tomb, first before Mrs. Quezon's, then Miss Quezon, then finally before Philip's, standing in mute meditation before each grave after laying his tribute. Before he left, he consoled with the bereaved family.

Romulo Says Quezon Ambush Work of Huks

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 —(AP)—Belief that "Communist inspired Huks" committed the ambush slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon in the Philippines was expressed here Thursday by Brig. General Carlos P. Romulo.

Romulo referred to the Hukbalahaps, armed peasant guerrillas who have been active since war's end.

Romulo paused here en route from the Philippines to Lake Success as chief Philippines delegate to the United Nations.

Romulo said the attack occurred in a section where Huks are hiding out. He discounted a suggestion that the ambush was the work of bandits.

He said the Huks have also been known to rob their victims.

"She was liked by everyone and had no enemies," he said. "She was the First Lady of the Philippines — even after the death of her husband. Her work in the Philippine Red Cross was something that will live forever. She was a lady of such dignity."

WASHINGTON, April 29 —(AP)—Basil O'Conner, president of the Red Cross, sent condolences to the Philippine Red Cross. He described Mrs. Quezon, who was chairman of the island Red Cross, as "the society's most devoted and inspired leader and the nation's most dearly loved citizen." He said the entire Red Cross of the world "mourns the passing of this great humanitarian."

Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, long time associate and friend of the Quezon family, sent a personal message of condolence to the family.

Mrs. Carlos Romulo termed the shooting a "tragic mistake."

"I am sure the attack was intended for someone else," she said. "No one in the Philippines would want to kill Mrs. Quezon who was a great leader among her people."

At the embassy, Minister Emilio Abello commented:

"It's an outrage. We are glad that President Quirino has given orders that the perpetrators be brought to justice."

The story of the assassination was bannerlined by Washington newspapers. They carried detailed stories and pictures of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter, Maria.

Services mourning their deaths will be held on either side of the U.S. continent.

Eligible official religious services will be held in Wash-

ington for Mrs. Quezon and members of her family, coinciding with the state funeral in Manila.

Claim Attackers Came from Baler

Special to the Chronicle
CABANATUAN, April 29.—The Huks who killed Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 members of her party in Bongabong, Nueva Ecija came from Baler, according to the findings of a board of PA and PC investigators today.

PA and PC investigators today questioned residents in isolated houses five kilometers from Baler and revealed that the Huks came from that town two days before the ambush.

The Huks, according to the government informants, warned the residents not to disclose the location of the dissidents.

Careful scrutiny of the gun emplacements disclosed that the killers of Mrs. Quezon used automatic rifles and not machine guns as previously reported. The gun emplacements revealed that Huks were prepared for the ambush as each vehicle was fired upon simultaneously by separate nests of automatic rifles, causing the sudden death of the victims.

Mrs. Quezon's car was hit 21 times. Mrs. Quezon was found lifeless riddled with bullets inside the car as the Huks dragged her in search for jewelry and cash.

Capt. Burgosino Faustino and several PC escorts riding the fourth vehicle were rounding the bend when the Huks fired at some members of the Quezon party. They immediately jumped to the ground for cover. They engaged the Huks from a distance of 1,000 yards.

Traces of blood were found from the Huk positions. Investigators believed that the ambushers also suffered casualties in the exchange of gunfire with PC escorts.

Captain Faustino also said that the Huks fired from well-covered positions along the rocky sides of the road, which made them impregnable from retaliatory fires of the PC soldiers.

—g.a.c.

US Government Extends Sympathy

WASHINGTON, April 29 —(AP)—The United States Thursday night stated its sympathy to the Quezon family. Addressed to the U.S. embassy at Manila, it read:

"The President and other officials of the United States are shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

CAMERA'S VIEW OF FUNERAL OF QUEZONS



HOMAGE OF A FIRST LADY.—Among the many who viewed the caskets of Mrs. Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buenavista III yesterday was Mrs. Trinidad L. Roxas, former First Lady. She is shown here in the center, with Governor Gregorio Santos (extreme left) standing behind. The great and the near-great and the lowly alike rubbed shoulders with one another to pay their respects to Mrs. Quezon and her children.



FINAL JOURNEY.—The casket that bore the remains of Mrs. Quezon is shown here being carried by prominent pallbearers, among whom were: President Quirino, (left) Justice Manuel V. Moran, Governor Gregorio Santayana of Quezon province, Acting Senate President Mariano Jesus Cuenco, former Speaker Jose Yulo and Speaker Eugenio Perez, Senator Lorenzo Tanada (with dark glasses) can be seen just behind President Quirino and Justice Yulo.



LAST VIEW.—Rager to see the caskets of the three victims of the ambush as they were about to be placed at their final resting place in the North Cemetery, young and old clung precariously to the railings of some graveyard. Hundreds upon hundreds lined the streets along which the funeral procession passed and more were at the cemetery to attend the last memorial rites in honor of the three.



THE MILLING CROWD. — Picture shows a partial view of the big crowd that attended the funeral of the Quezons at the North Cemetery yesterday afternoon. A Catholic dignitary (center foreground) is shown performing the last necrological rites for the deceased. The President and his daughter Vicky, Secretary of Health Antonio Villarama and Mayor Manuel de la Fuente may be identified in the center.



AT QUEZON FUNERAL. — The biggest funeral crowd in recent years turned out yesterday afternoon to pay its last tribute to Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter, Maria (Baby) Aurora, and son-in-law Philip Buencamino III. Thousands of people jammed the UST grounds, lined both sides of the streets where the cortege passed, and packed the North Cemetery to view the mournful scene. Picture at top left shows President Quirino (in circle) with Chief Justice Manuel Moran on his right and Speaker Eugenio Perez on the left following the hearse carrying the remains of Mrs. Quezon after it started from the UST chapel. Others in photo are Senator Lorenzo Tañada, former Speaker Jose Yulo, Justice Manuel Lim, Secretary of Justice Sabino Padilla, Tomas Morato, Gen. Rafael Quezon's casket before it was placed in the crypt in the family plot at the North Cemetery. Right panel shows the President with daughter, Vicky, standing at the foot of Mrs. Aurora's casket being placed in the crypt with members of the YIAC organization looking on. Lower left panel shows Maria (Baby) Buencamino's last resting place, with President Quirino and Philip's father, Dr. Victor Buencamino, looking on.

Baguio Mourns Quezon's Death In Huk Ambush

All Baguio is still mourning the loss of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora (Baby), including her son-in-law, Phillip Buencamino III, who were victims of a Huk ambush in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, last Thursday morning. The first news about the tragedy reaching Baguio early in the afternoon of that day through the local Chronicle bureau shocked the populace as it travelled like wild-fire around the city.

Mrs. Teodora M. Flores, PNRC administrator in Baguio and niece of the Quezons, and Dr. Andres A. Angara, city health officer and a nephew of the former First Lady, were simply stunned by the news and first refused to believe the report was true. Together with other near relatives of the Quezons in Baguio, both left by plane early the following day for Manila to join the bereaved family.

Mrs. Quezon, who has a summer residence and apartment houses here, is considered a local resident and benefactor of several local civic societies. A Catholic leader, she has recently made the annual civic societies. A Catholic leader, she has recently made the annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes celebrated at her private grotto on Kisad Road, as a traditional fiesta among the Baguio laity. During the Novena last February, the occasion was made a special Catholic event participated in by Baguio's prominent and leading citizens through the inspiring efforts of the departed First Lady.

She used to spend most of her time in Baguio at her summer home together with Baby, Nini, and Nonong. On occasions she was not occupied with her Red Cross work in Manila. Those who have been closely associated with her here knew her as a kindly lady who would not refuse to extend her solicitous concern for the poor, local government officials and the great majority of city's inhabitants who know her by name all mourn deeply Mrs. Quezon's and Baby's passing away. Baby's Baguio friends were similarly shocked upon hearing that she was among those who were slain in the ambush.

Another casualty in the Quezon party, Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, is also well-known here and counts with a long number of friends. The deceased mayor formerly served the City of Baguio as assistant city engineer from 1936 to 1939, and was credited with many major public improvements accomplished during his assignment here. He served under the then Mayor Sergio Bayan, now manager of the Manila Railroad company.

BAGUIO BREEZE

BY F. C. DIPASUPIL

Baguio joins the nation in its bereavement over the tragedy that befell Mrs. Quezon, her daughter Baby, and several of her party two days ago. Residents of this city have reason to feel deeply the effects of this tragic loss, considering that Mrs. Quezon had been, in life, one of us — a representative of the nation's great, who had cast her fortunes to live among us to lend her steady hand on the life of the community.

The perennial First Lady would have been the guiding symbol to wherever she had chosen to live, upon whomsoever she had laid her dotting hands. It was fortunate that before she passed on to the Great Beyond, Baguio and a claim to being one where she had a home, let the moral and spiritual influence that she exuded in the latter years of

her life prior to her unfortunate and inhuman death be with us and be Baguio's way of perpetuating her dear memory.

It would have been selfish of Baguio to have prevailed on her to stay with us more permanently when she built a summer home here. She was such a brave and active spirit who answered the call of service and gracious compliments wherever she was needed, and these events conspired together to bring her untimely demise.

But had we been forewarned, perhaps, Baguio would have forced her to reside here, never allowing her crossing our peaceful boundaries, if only to avert such dismal and heartbreaking tragedy that took her away from the nation's midst. It is all a part of the Grand Design, and we must yield before the inscrutability of Fate.

By Brandon Walsh

With a GRAIN of SALT

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THE REAL LESSONS

Now that the initial shock is over, let's take stock.

We must not lose our heads. We must guard against striking out blindly. Let's think the whole thing out.

There can be no dispute that the murderers of the Quezon family and others in their party should be made to feel the fullest severity of the law. They should be tracked down like the cold-blooded criminals that they are, and should be punished to the last man.

But what we should be afraid of is, in the height of their fury which would be fanned by the knowledge that perhaps they had lost prestige, our police forces might subject the civilian population of Central Luzon to a blood bath. It is so easy to vent anger on those who stand by helplessly, mute and seemingly uncooperative because of fear of revenge. It is so easy to burn their houses, or machinegun their women and children, or put everybody to the sword.

But would that be the wise policy?

Even if Mrs. Quezon had survived the horrible massacre, she'd have been the first one to raise a hand against wanton, unreasoning revenge. She would have realized that violence only begets violence, that once a chain of violent acts is started, there would be no end to it.

It's so easy to bring out the tanks, the flame throwers, the trench mortars and all the instruments of war, but for heavens' sake, spare the innocent lives in the ensuing holocaust.

In the Bongabon massacre, it is the side of the dissidents that lost heavily, not the side of peace and order to which Mrs. Quezon belonged. The side of peace and order only lost a dozen lives — precious lives, it is true, but nevertheless just a short stay on this earth against a backdrop of whole eternity. But the side of the dissidents — call them misguided, if you will — lost more. They did not lose lives but they lost understanding. They lost sympathy. In the final analysis, such a loss is more to be felt than the snuffing of human lives.



FUNERAL PROCESSION. — The funeral car that carried the caskets of the three distinguished victims of the ambush slowly, but surely, winds its way to the cemetery, followed behind by the Republic's top officialdom, including President Quirino, Chief Justice Moran, Speaker Perez, Jose Yulo, Teodoro Sison, Congressman Tomas Morato of Quezon province, Congressman Leon Cabaroguis, Secretary of Justice Sabino Padilla, assistant Malacañan Secretary Jose P. de Leon, and their ladies.



BEREAVED SON.—Manuel (Nonong) Quezon, Jr., youngest of the Quezon family, is shown being consoled by no less a personage than the President. Looking on is former Justice Manuel Lim, a presidential guard, and members of the PNRC. Picture was taken at the UST chapel yesterday. (Photo by PNRC)

Behind the mike

The Manila Broadcasting Company deserves an orchid for dedicating an hour and a half of BZRH and DZMB to a program of requiem and religious music last Thursday night "in memory" of the late Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon and her daughter Baby Quezon, who were killed in an ambush earlier in the day. We thought it was a fine gesture on the part of MBC.

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Government authorities believed the motive was robbery as Carlos Buenaventura is a well-known meat vendor.

Meanwhile, Colonel Liberato Littau, Central Luzon zone commander, left Cabanatuan for Bonga this afternoon to personally direct the punitive expedition against the Huks who ambushed the Quezon party, signalling the intensification of the push against disident elements.

It was learned that government forces under Lieut. Col. Napoleon D. Valeriano and Captain Burgo Fausto, numbering about 2,000 troops contacted part of the Huk ambush party this morning, and fighting is now raging.

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Since the Friday session was devoted almost entirely to the Quezon tragedy and to mapping out government measures, the President summoned his cabinet to a special session Saturday.

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2. That the attack was suddenly and treacherously perpetrated.

3. That the responsibility for security measures was vested by Mrs. Quezon herself in Major Pedro Alcantara, a nephew of Mrs. Quezon, whose decision on the deployment of escorts was respected by the PC officers.

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(It was understood during the cabinet meeting that the President intends to make a public statement on this matter, probably by 7 p.m. Friday.)

The President has cancelled several speaking engagements, including those with the Boy Scouts Conference in Baguio this weekend and the Air Force School at Lipa.

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This Huk attack was set only a few hours after government forces composed of army and constabularymen opened an all-out offensive against the Huks in the mountain fastnesses in the vicinity of Quezon ambush.

Those killed in last night's lightning raid in barrio San Isidro Malapit were Carlos Buenaventura, 48, his wife, Petra Patiag Buenaventura, 36, Napoleon Goduco, 36, and his son, Cesario Goduco, 10. The first three victims died instantaneously while the 10-year-old boy, Cesario, died this morning at the provincial hospital here.

Monica Martin Goduco, widow of Napoleon Goduco, sustained a gunshot wound in the right shoulder. After receiving medical treatment at the hospital here, she returned to her barrio to attend to funeral services of her husband. Her son, Cesario, died after she left the hospital.

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It was reported that the Huk band entered barrio San Isidro Malapit at about 8 o'clock last night and raided the house of Carlos Buenaventura. Upon seeing suspicious-looking persons enter his house, Buenaventura shouted for help. The Huks then opened fire, killing the couple. Other bandits fired at the house of Napoleon



PAUL V. McNUTT, left, expressing his condolences to Dr. Victor Buencamino, father of Philip Buencamino III and friend of the Quezons as Minister Ramon J. Fernandez looks on. Scene taken at UST chapel.



Mrs. Manuel Rosas was among the friends of the Quezons who attended the church rites at the UST chapel yesterday morning.

Government authorities believed the motive was robbery as Carlos Buenaventura is a well-known meat vendor.

Meanwhile, Colonel Liberato Littaua, Central Luzon zone commander, left Cabanatuan for Bongabon this afternoon to personally direct the punitive expedition against the Huks who ambushed the Quezon party, signalling the intensification of the push against dissident elements.

It was learned that government forces under Lieut. Col. Napoleon D. Valeriano and Captain Burgosino Fausto numbering about 2,000 troops contacted part of the Huk ambush party this morning, and fighting is now raging.

The Huks were reported to have sustained heavy casualties, as judged from bloodstains found in the battle area.

Two army Piper Cubs hovered over the battle scene since this morning. It was further learned that a squadron of fighter planes are standing by in Floridablanca, awaiting the signal for action.

Meanwhile, the body of Lieut. Deogracias M. Arabejo was recovered from the scene of the ambush this morning and was transferred to Manila. It was further learned the body of Lieut. Joaquin R. Lasam, one of the PC escorts killed, was looted by the Huks of P700. The automobile of Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, where Mrs. Quezon was killed, was towed to Cabanatuan. It was riddled by more than 30 bullet holes.

The provincial board of Nueva Ecija approved a resolution of condolence over the death of Mrs. Quezon and the members of her party. The resolution was sponsored by Member Meliton Rigor.

Governor Juan O. Chocoma, who returned from Manila where he escorted the bodies of the ambush victims, said this morning that the government should face the situation squarely. The principal job of the PC, he stated, is to restore peace and order, after which the PACSA can take the picture.

"The top leaders of our government," the governor said, "should stop playing politics."

Special to THE MANILA TIMES
CABANATUAN, April 29.—Evidence that the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and the members of her party yesterday morning was premeditated and well-planned was furnished this morning by Captain Pablo Hernandez, commanding officer of the Agbanawag Civilian Guards.

Hernandez and his men were the first to arrive at the scene of the ambush upon receiving reports from Hilario Silayan, executive officer of the PACSA, in Bongabon.

His investigation disclosed according to Captain Hernandez that the Huk ambush and preceded the night previous. They put up a barricade across the highway to Balera, Quezon, 15 meters from where one of the Huk stopped Mrs. Quezon's automobile.

Material for the barricade was obtained by the Huk from two tons of lumber that the Huk set up they held up the trucks the night previous to the ambush.

Captain Hernandez said that the truck which carried Mrs. Quezon and the members of her party were taken under the command of Commander Lora-way. This was confirmed by Captain Olimpio Manalang, commanding officer of the 22nd Company, who was with the escort guard of the Quezon motorcade when interviewed by the Manila Times at the hospital today.

Physicians who attended to Felipe Buencamino, III, recalled having been informed by Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law, before expiring, that the men who committed the massacre were Huk.

Captain Hernandez said that when he arrived on the scene of the ambush, he saw only Captain Manalang and Burgosino Fajardo exchanging shots with the Huk. The other members of the escort guard having either been killed or wounded.

Sadly wounded, Captain Manalang's ammunition exhausted, reached his last bullet for any of the Huk who might have come near him. Captain Fausto made it for the Huk, fighting savagely behind a big trunk of a tree.

Captain Manalang said the Huk in the ambush only suffered casualties claiming that Corporal Armando Serrano, also of the 22nd Company, killed three of the Huk before he fell from a wound. The corporal is now at the provincial hospital here.

It is believed here that, before escaping the Huk, carried away 10 firearms from their victims, mostly from constabularymen.

300,000 Line Route; Sobs Break Silence

Supreme Honors Given Doña Aurora—Rests Beside MLQ Remains

By JIM AUSTRIA

Doña Aurora's sunset sky was a great drift of pink-tinged clouds were gathered. Mrs. Manuel Quezon, martyr of the people's cause, was laid to rest at nine minutes past six yesterday afternoon in a concrete tomb by the side of her husband, the President who lived and died fighting for the same ideal.

With supreme honors from the government and its people, the remains of the Philippines' former First Lady were borne from the chapel to their final resting place along a crowded route.

There a sorrowing throng of people bowed their heads in tribute as the hearse rolled past.

The bronze casket was draped in a black and white symbolic of the nation's acknowledgment of her greatness. Behind her were the bodies of her daughter, Doña Aurora, and her son, Felipe Buencamino, III.

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Mean women and children numbering upwards of 100,000 surged about the little space between the mausoleums of Presidents Quezon and Roxas where the caskets were laid to rest. A good number waited here exactly one year and three days ago they had stood on the same spot under the acacia trees to bury a President.

When the last notes of the hymn had blown away a sudden stillness came upon the crowd and President Elpidio Quirino, other dignitaries and relatives of the dead took their places for the final rites.

Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, Jr., survivors of the triple tragedy which stunned the nation only a little less than they were absent from the grounds.

At 8:04, Major Rufino took his place at the head of Mrs. Quezon's bier and opened his missal. Two minutes later, he reached for the font and blessed first Mrs. Quezon, then Baby, then Philip. Again the crowd remembered how all three had died in a state of grace.

The blessing over the biers were rolled to the mausoleum. The crowds pressed against the wrought-iron railing with a force that threatened to break them down. Inside the mausoleum area were packed about 200 persons including the YLAC Red Cross personnel, relatives, newspapermen, townsmen and others who had known the dead closely in life and who—there is no other word for it—loved them.

Mrs. Quezon's casket was borne to her niche at the left of President Quezon's marble tomb. At the head of the pallbearers Mrs. Trinidad de Leon Roxas, widow of the late President, slowly inched her way with Mrs. Eugenio Perez. The speaker, Senator Cuenco, Jose Yulo, Manuel Lim, cabinet secretaries, and congressmen carried the flag-draped casket to the resting place.

At exactly 6:09, Aurora Aragon de Quezon was buried. The casket was shorn of its enfolding flag. President Quirino, his face frozen with grief, laid a sprig of flowers on the casket in farewell. Then he broke down and shed tears.

Baby Quezon, borne by uniformed YLACs received a lavish offering of flowers, frail baby's breath, forget-me-nots and faint pink gladioli tied with frothy ribbons. With her casket went the YLAC banner and the Girl Scouts flag into the crypt. The time was 6:11. Among her friends with whom she had worked so unselfishly for the underprivileged, not an eye was dry.

President Quirino said a prayer before her tomb, together with his daughter Vicky. Around Philip Buencamino's tomb were gathered his father, his sisters Dolly and Neneng, his uncle Felipe Buencamino, Jr. and countless friends. Victor Buencamino almost collapsed as the bronze coffin containing the remains of his only son was slid into the niche at 6:13. From Baby's tomb, President Quirino and Vicky moved on to Philip's. Likewise to pray and offer his hand to the bereaved family.

It was over in fifteen minutes. At the end of that time, the tension broke, the sobs from the bereaved mingled with murmurs from the crowd, representing a cross-section of the nation now united in one determination to remember the date and to blot out its infamy.

Yesterday the flag flew at half-mast throughout the country in memory of the great and noble lady.

Masses were said for the deceased at the UST chapel, where they had lain in state since Thursday evening, from 5 a.m. to a high requiem mass at 9:30 attended by President Quirino.

There were no funeral orations. The funeral cortege passed from the main gate of the university campus where Baby Quezon had been laid to rest to the mausoleum.

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dent to P. Naval, F. Capa, Espina down to Quezon Boulevard, Rizal Avenue, Bumentritt and then to the North cemetery. For all three it was the final journey. From the veterans mausoleum in the cemetery, the members of the Quezon and Buencamino families took over from the officials and newspaper corps as pallbearers up to the Quezon mausoleum.

The solemn cortege inched slowly along, preceded by the Philippine flag and a motorcycle escort followed by three funeral coaches loaded with floral tributes including some from the Roxas family Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Roxas (Ruby Roxas) and Gerry Roxas were present at the rites. Ruby was perched on her father's mausoleum, during the rites.

Third in the funeral procession was a contingent of MPD uniformed police, followed by detail of firemen. The Philippine Army Band, led by Maj. Carino came after, immediately before the hearse of Mrs. Quezon, Baby and Philip. Baby Quezon's coach was ornate the other two, of simple black.

President Quirino rode with Vicky, the social secretary and his senior aide in his black Pakar limousine. Behind trailed car No 12-J occupied by the Quezon-Buencaminos, Senator Cuenco's car, and Speaker Perez's in which rode Mrs. Manuel Roxas.

Somewhere at Bambang, along Rizal Avenue, the hearse bearing Mrs. Quezon's casket broke down and had to be pushed all the way to the cemetery by Baby Quezon's.

Observers estimate the funeral crowd to be about two-thirds of that which turned out at President Roxas' rites. The funeral in April last year was witnessed by more than a million citizens.

Now, as then, people perched atop neighboring mausoleums, trees flowered with cameramen and other spectators. There were no fainting cases reported, however. An overcast sky, abetted by lightning and thunder, threatened rain, but the weather remained calm.

Admirers of the late First Lady, who now occupies a definite place in Philippine history, broke into the mausoleum area after the ceremonies to gather keepsakes. A few broke off flowers from the adelfa trees in the burial lot, now in full bloom and dipping their courtesy over Baby and Philip.

Osmeña Shocked At Word Of Massacre

Special to The MANILA TIMES

CEBU CITY, April 29.—Deeply moved by the tragedy that befell Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, former President Sergio Osmeña this morning issued the following press statement:

"I am shocked by the tragedy that has befallen Mrs. Quezon, her children and friends. No words will be strong enough to condemn such a horrible crime. I join the nation in mourning their untimely passing."

Mrs. Esperanza Limjap Osmeña, the former First Lady, was unable to speak for a few moments upon learning of the tragedy.

The report of the tragedy produced a general mixed reaction of grief and anger at the government for bawling the peace and order situation. Mrs. Quezon had a legion of friends in Cebu province.

Governor Manuel Cuenco, speaking for the people of Cebu, expressed deep sorrow while City Mayor Miguel Raffinan was deeply shocked. Dr. Feliciano Cruz, local Red Cross chapter administrator, related that Mrs. Quezon persuaded him the other night not to resign from the Red Cross.

Vicente Guillan, president of the University of the Visayas, announced to the students taking summer courses the tragic end of Mrs. Quezon and also urged all to be awake "because the tide of social menace is engulfing us."

He pointed out that government officials must fight with determination to preserve Filipino heritage of civilization.

The Philippine Tuberculosis Society issued the following:

The Board of Directors of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society mourns deeply the sudden and violent death of Doña Aurora A. Quezon and expresses its sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family for this great and irreparable loss to them, to the nation and to the society.

Doña Aurora up to the time of her death was the Honorary Vice President and concurrently a member of the Board of Directors of the Society. She took over where her husband had left in the matter of promoting tuberculosis work in the Philippines.

Also, the Board expresses its condolence and sympathy for the demise of Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III, daughter and son-in-law, respectively, of Doña Aurora whom the Society considers as more precious Filipino lives sacrificed for the cause of peace.

Frederic H. Stevens, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, issued the following statement:

We share in the people's grief over the tragic deaths of the noble wife and the beloved elder daughter of the late great leader, President Quezon, and of the other relatives and friends in Mrs. Quezon's party who were ambushed and killed by a ruthless band of criminals while on their way to Balera, the late President's birthplace. It is impossible to conceive of anything more shocking or pitiful. It is an appalling thing to have to write down in the annals of the nation. Americans here feel this deeply and wish they could aid or comfort. But what is there to say except that all peoples must pass through periods of tribulation and shame and that human beings are so constituted that in the end they are the stronger for them.

The following statement was issued today by Ewald E. Selph, president of the American Association of the Philippines, on behalf of the American community:

"The members of the American Association of the Philippines are deeply shocked by the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, and her passing is an irreparable loss, not only to her own people, but also to Americans and to the world."

"She was called the First Lady of the Land, she was the widow of a great man, and her place in the Philippines was the same as that of Martha Washington in the early days of the American Republic."

"We have recommended to our people a month of mourning for her."

By JULITA V. SOTEJO

President, F. N. A.

The Filipino Nurses' Association wishes to join the nation in expressing condolence and sympathy over the shocking and untimely death of the late Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon. In her demise the nurses of the Philippines lost their First Honorary President and a very great friend.

Doña Aurora who was an excellent nurse in her own right was awarded an honorary diploma in nursing back in 1935 in recognition of her services in nursing her husband, the late President Manuel L. Quezon.

Lately, Doña Aurora proved once more her genuine interest in nurses by appealing to the League of Red Cross Societies in Geneva for aid. She succeeded in getting about five thousand dollars to be used for the treatment of six nurses who now suffer from tuberculosis as a result of the war.

The women of the Philippines lost a leader. The people of the Philippines especially the common "tao" lost a great sympathizer and a staunch sponsor of social justice for all.

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"The entire Red Cross world will mourn the passing of this great humanitarian," he said in his cable to Dr. Manuel Lim who, as a result of Mrs. Quezon's death, automatically became PNRC chairman. O'Connor added that with Mrs. Quezon's passing "the Philippine nation has lost a dearly beloved citizen."

The ARC president's message of condolence follows in full: In behalf of the American Red Cross, I extend to the Philippine Red Cross, the Quezon family, and the people of your nation, my deep and heartfelt sympathy in the tragic deaths of Madam Quezon, daughter Maria Aurora, and other members of her party. In the death of Madam Quezon, the Philippine Red Cross has lost a most devoted and inspired leader and the Philippine nation a dearly loved citizen. The entire Red Cross world will mourn the passing of this great humanitarian.

Glen Whisler, last American manager of the Philippine Red Cross in 1946, in a telegraphic message sent to Justice Lim, said that he was shocked beyond words upon learning the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and the members of her family. He further stated that the loss of the widow of the late President Quezon is "a blow to decency and progress in the world."

Winthrop H. Swett, formerly fund raising director of the Philippine Red Cross in 1946, in a separate cable to Dr. Yanson, PNRC manager, said, "The tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter is an irreplaceable loss both to the Philippine National Red Cross and the Philippine Republic."

Special to The MANILA TIMES
DAVAO CITY, April 29.—Davao was shocked and angered upon hearing reports of the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and the members of her party.

The personnel of the local Red Cross agencies, personal friends of the Quezon family and sympathizers sent condolences to the surviving members of the Quezon family in Manila and made preparations for memorial services.

The first reaction of the people upon hearing the massacre was indignation at the Huk and then criticism of the Quirino administration for mishandling the Huk problem. The massacre convinced even Huk sympathizers here that the movement is definitely brigandage.

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CAGAYAN, Or., Misamis, April 29.—The news of Mrs. Quezon's death at the hands of murderous assassins was received with shock and indignation by leading citizens here.

Meanwhile, as popular indignation was fanned by more reports surrounding the circumstances of the brutal killings, the people here wondered why a "lady so well-loved and so deeply honored, and whose distinguished husband served the nation with such distinction" should be murdered in cold blood, whereas the "crooks and grafters" are allowed to go scot-free.

Political leaders who declined to have themselves identified criticized what they think is the "clear incapacity of the present administration to protect the lives of citizens."

Public indignation seems to center on President Quirino. One citizen, beside himself with indignation, shouted before a crowd: "I want to know who among you in this group will still vote for Quirino!" Nobody dared to answer.

One Quirinista, also declining identification, said that the President should forego "junkets, summer siestas and electioneering stunts" until he solves the peace and order problem.—L.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
MAILOLO, April 29.—Thousands of people, from the province were flown at half-mast in mourning for the death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, widow of the late President Quezon.

Operations against dissidents in this province as a result of the ambush have been markedly intensified. Governor Halili and all the town mayors have agreed to request Secretary Sotero Baluyut of the interior to arm civilian guards in preparation for any eventuality.

Major Crispino Castro is leading four companies in an undisputed field of operation following the ambush of Philippine Constabulary soldiers at Buasaw. Four soldiers and two Huks were killed in the encounter.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
ILOILO CITY, April 29.—Thousands of Iloilo people, from the governor down to the humblest citizen, expressed their profound sorrow and indignation over the brutal slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby, and son-in-law Felipe Buencamino III, and others. Many of those who knew Doña Aurora personally cried unashamedly.

Governor Mariano Peñaflorida declared: "The criminals who massacred Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, son-in-law and others should be wiped out. The government should not give quarter for the outlaws for they killed Mrs. Quezon who was the symbol of good virtue and decency, who was revered and loved by all Filipinos."

The Iloilo provincial board approved a condolence resolution sponsored by Severino Ferraris who knew the Quezons very well way back in Washington, D. C. during the war. Ferraris recalled the happy memories he had with the Quezons when he was a member of the Philippine executive council in the exiled Quezon government.

Many local officials expressed approval of the suggestion of some congressmen to proclaim martial law in the vicinity of the ambush and to wage a total war against the dissidents.

Acting on instructions from the department of interior, the local Philippine Constabulary command began today an all-out campaign against Iloilo dissidents.

Senator Fernando Lopez who arrived this afternoon, reiterated his agreement to the proclamation of martial law or, at least, the imposition of curfew in Central Luzon.

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CEBU, April 29.—This province today mourned the loss of the beloved widow of the late President Quezon, and expressed indignation at the "outrage" perpetrated by outlaws on the defenseless party.

Sotero Cabahug, onetime secretary of public works, said: "If there are not enough strong and caustic words to condemn the vandal act that caused the violent death of the illustrious widow of President Quezon, neither are there to anathematize the criminal petulance of the present administration in publicly and repeatedly assuring that peace and order have been completely reestablished. If instead of painting the Philippines as a Nirvana... Mrs. Quezon would not have dared to make the trip through a perilous area, and consequently she would be still living to pursue her magnanimous labor of love and charity... The mother of the Third Republic (was) a victim of official blindness."

Special to The MANILA TIMES
CAVITE CITY, April 29.—Provincial and city officials of Cavite and Tagaytay, and the entire people of Cavite province, mourn the untimely death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, who was ambushed and killed by Huks yesterday morning while on the way to her home town Baler with a party.

Congress In Mourning

Both chambers of the Congress devoted their sessions yesterday to paying tribute to the memory of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and adjourned without taking up regular business in respect to the memory of the murdered former First Lady.

In a baleful session marked with grave solemnity in which two speakers wept unashamedly, the Senate yesterday passed a resolution of condolence on the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and declared a recess of that body for a period of three days ending on May 3, as a token of respect.

Passage of the resolution was preceded by eulogies which lent to the session the aspect of a necrological service. All the speakers lauded Mrs. Quezon's achievements in her own right and as the inspiration of the "Philippines' most beloved leader and statesman, the late President Manuel L. Quezon.

Senator Ceronima T. Peeson, in slow, measured accents often accompanied with tears, declared that the passing of Mrs. Quezon was a national disaster of the first order. But grieving was not enough, she said, for there must be something of greater import that must be looked into. Why was she allowed to go to the danger area without assuring her safety? There was dereliction of duty somewhere, she declared, and it must be localized.

She demanded swift action against the murderers of Mrs. Quezon and her companions. Whether they be Huks or bandits, they must be apprehended and brought to the bar of justice, she declared.

"She was the personification of all the qualities and virtues that our people love in a woman," Mrs. Peeson said. "She was outstanding as the inspiration and helpmate of the beloved leader who dedicated his whole life passionately in the preparation of a people for an independent Republic."

Senator Emiliano T. Tirona, who wept unashamedly on the floor of the Senate, expressed his sorrow both as a public man and as friend of the Quezon family. His tears became uncontrolled when he mentioned that "Fate had destined that Baby Quezon, the favorite child of the late President Quezon, should accompany her mother to the grave."

As a friend, Senator Tirona recalled, Mrs. Quezon's solicitude in behalf of his daughter who was Mrs. Quezon's godchild, and her care and affection for another Tirona child during a trip to Europe in 1932. In spite of the political differences between President Quezon and himself, Senator Tirona declared, the Cavite solon being at the time of the opposition group, their families maintained the best personal relations.

Mrs. Quezon, the speaker declared, was the comforter and ministering angel to President Quezon in his most critical hours, and aided him in his fight for the Filipinos' emancipation.

Others who paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Quezon were Floor Leader Carlos P. Garcia, Senators Prospero Sanidad, Camilo Oslas, Tomas Cabili, Jose O. Vera, Lorenzo M. Tañada and Vicente Madrigal. Sanidad called for strong punitive measures against the perpetrators of the crime of which Mrs. Quezon and her companions had been the victims. He blamed a political group for aiding and abetting the lawlessness of certain elements in Central Luzon for political motives.

Acting Senate President M. Jesus Cuenco said that he could find no words to express the shock and grief he had experienced upon learning of the brutal killing of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter, Maria Aurora, her son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III, Mayor Ponciano Bernardo and other compa-

nions. In Doña Aurora's death, he said, one of the greatest Filipino women who ever lived, beloved of her people for her unselfish and untiring devotion to the public good, the nation has suffered a truly irreparable loss. A loyal nation will revere and honor her memory, he declared.

The resolution of condolence, fathered by Senators Tañada, Sanidad, Garcia, Oslas and Lopez, follows:

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE TRAGIC DEATH OF MRS. AURORA ARAGON DE QUEZON AND TWO MEMBER OF HER IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, widow of the first President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, Manuel L. Quezon, and Chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, her eldest daughter, Maria Aurora Quezon, and son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III, while they were on their way to Baler, to unveil the plaque commemorative of the birthplace of the late President Quezon, were murdered treacherously on April 28, 1949, in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, with seven others in a brutal attack;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Quezon was not only the wife of a beloved Filipino leader but also a great social worker who devoted quietly but effectively the best part of her life in ameliorating the condition of the underprivileged, in ministering to the needy, and in alleviating the sorrows of those who had been stricken by disaster;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Quezon was for many years a great stabilizing factor in the colorful life of our leader, Manuel L. Quezon; a model and dutiful mother, a social worker of unblemished character; a patron of arts and letters; the embodiment of the best in Filipino womanhood; and lately Chairman of that Philippine National Red Cross; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines express, as it hereby expresses, the profound grief of the nation on the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and two members of her immediate family, and to convey to the members of the family its condolence,

Resolved, further, That the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 3, 1949, as a token of respect;

Resolved, finally, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the surviving members of the family of the late Mrs. Aurora Aragon de Quezon.

Deliberation on the condolence resolution was preceded by a brief discussion of the Senate resolution exonerating Senate President Pro-tempore Melecio Arranz from the charges filed against him by Senator Pablo Angeles David. The Arranz measure was sponsored by Senator Sanidad, chairman of the committee which investigated the charges against Arranz.

The resolution was read, and in short order was approved unanimously.

Out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Quezon, the House of Representatives after a brief session devoted to eulogies on the wife of the late President Quezon adjourned without taking up regular business.

Speaker Eugenio Perez and some members of the House attended Mrs. Quezon's funeral after the session.

Five-minute speeches extolling Mrs. Quezon's virtues and highlighting her services to the nation were delivered by Reps. Manuel Zosa (L. Iloilo), Constandio Padilla (L. Nueva Ecija), Adriano Lomuntad (L. Samar) and Amado M. Yuzon (DA, Pampanga).

Congressman Padilla, who was elected under the minority (DA) ticket but turned 180° at once after he was seated, today occasion he declared, will deliver the to rap the government policy on speech of response for the bereaved the dissidents. Because of the administration's wavering attitude, he said, the Huk problem in Central Luzon persists.

All the speakers commended the Huks for murdering Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, Baby, her son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III, Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo and others. It was unfortunate, the speakers said, that the peasant dissidents killed one of their greatest benefactors.

After the speeches, Majority Floor Leader Raul T. Leuterio moved to adjourn without taking up regular business.

Communist Head Blames Quirino, PC

The Communist Party of the Philippines laid the blame for the ill-starred fate of the party headed by Mrs. Quezon on President Quirino and the PC convoy, in a statement released to the press last night by Mariano P. Balgos, general secretary of the CP.

Balgos' statement follows: "The news of the tragic and untimely death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party at the hands of a band of armed men is indeed unfortunate. I understand that Mrs. Quezon and her family used to travel from Arayat to Baler before but never had any incident. The PC convoy no doubt is partly to blame for this tragedy. Mrs. Aurora Quezon in her life time was sympathetic to labor.

"The Quirino administration should be blamed for this unfortunate incident because of its subservience to American interest in its outmoded attitude toward the problem of peace and order and its callous denial of agrarian reforms long wanted by the peasants in Central Luzon.

"As long as the Philippines is under American imperialist domination there will be no peace and order in our country."

Speaking for the workers and peasants in the Philippines affiliated with the Congress of Labor Organizations, Amado V. Hernandez, national president of the CLO declared that Doña Aurora deserves an enviable place in the history of the Filipino people.

In a press statement, Hernandez said: "Doña Aurora had humble beginnings and she always took pride in saying so, especially when in the company of working people. Even when her late husband was at the height of his power and popularity, Mrs. Quezon did not lose her poise and lived simply, modestly, unselfishly, and without the vulgar extravagance of many in high society. Even with this virtue alone, and she had many, Doña Aurora deserves an enviable place in the history of our people."

Bernardo Burial Tomorrow A.M.

The interment of Mayor Ponciano Bernardo, one of the victims of the fatal ambush of the Quezon party Thursday morning in Nueva Ecija, will take place tomorrow morning, Sunday, immediately after the necrological rites are held. Burial will be held at the North cemetery.

The necrological ceremony for the late Quezon City Mayor will start at 8 a.m. tomorrow morning at the Quezon City Hall. Speakers are Congressman Tomas B. Morato of the second district, Quezon province; Juan M. Arellano, chairman of the capital city planning commission of which the late mayor was a member; Secretary of Finance Pio Pedrosa; President Bienvenido M. Gonzalez of the University of the Philippines; Judge Ceferino de los Santos of the QC court of first instance; Gregorio P. Roxas, acting city mayor; and Secretary of the Interior Sotero Baluyut.

Quirino Calls On All To Join People's War On Dissidents; Warns Of Exploitation Of Outrage

In a nationwide special broadcast from Malacañan last night on the death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, President Quirino asked all Filipinos to cooperate in the all-out efforts to eliminate lawlessness and anarchy and to guard against playing into the hands of the common enemy for selfish political ends.

He asked law-abiding citizens to report the presence of lawless elements in their vicinity to the authorities.

Concomitant of such an information valuable to the drive against dissidence is cowardice and treason, the President said.

Admitting the failure of his policy on the Huk situation adopted shortly after assumption of office, President Quirino said that the outbreak will stop at nothing to sow confusion to undermine the government and overthrow constituted authority.

He indicated that the dissident leaders have been unmasked as agents of alien ideas.

He warned the people against exploiting the Quezon massacre as a political issue against the government because this will nurture the seeds of dissension, he said.

The President said that it was the express wish of Mrs. Quezon not to allow uniformed men to precede her car. A version of the trip and the ambush was given by him to the radio audience. Parts of his radio talk follow:

"According to General Jalandoni, he was satisfied with the cooperation of the Constabulary as to the strength of the escort force, but that the usual security measures could not be followed out of respect to Mrs. Quezon's own instructions not to allow uniformed men to precede her car. She gave these orders, according to General Jalandoni, firstly, because she believed that the presence of uniformed men might provoke attack from dissident elements, and, secondly, that she was fully confident that nobody would think of doing her any bodily harm.

"That these lawless elements have seen fit to pick for their victims the finest type of Filipino manhood, the purest of our mothers, only accentuated the savagery and soullessness of the element who perpetrated this crime. It is ironic indeed that these base characters should pick for their victims the very people who had the welfare of the masses at heart. For both Mrs. Quezon and her daughter, fondly called Baby, have been devoting their entire time to charitable work, the former as National Chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross, and the latter as President of the Young Ladies Association for Charity, after they have been orphaned by the greatest assumption of the masses—President Manuel Quezon.

Truman Leads In Voicing Sympathy For Mrs. Quezon

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—The United States Thursday night stated its sympathy to the Quezon family. Addressed to the U.S. embassy at Manila, it read: "The President and other officials of the United States are shocked to learn of the murder of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (AP)—Belief that "communist inspired" had committed the ambush slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon in the Philippines was expressed here Thursday by Brig. General Carlos P. Romulo.

Romulo passed here en route from the Philippines to Lake Success.

"She was liked by everyone and had no enemies," he said. "She was the First Lady of the Philippines even after the death of her husband. Her work in the Philippine Red Cross was something that was a great help to the people."

"As you know, one of my first official acts when I assumed the stewardship of the nation was an effort to solve the problem of peace and order in Central Luzon. I granted them amnesty in order to facilitate their return to peaceful life. On top of that, through the President's Action Committee on Social Amelioration, the government gave these dissident elements everything that it could humanly extend to them as relief in the way of food, clothing, medicine, seedlings, job opportunities, credit facilities, and other means to enable them to start anew and live in comparative peace and quiet instead of starving and roaming like wild animals away from civilization. We gave them schools, lands to cultivate and additional agents of the law for their security. I have lately authorized the immediate construction of irrigation systems and the establishment of branches of the National Bank in strategic regions of production as further incentive to their productive activities.

"What happened after the amnesty is a matter of record. The dissidents failing to understand the benevolent attitude of the government, did not live up to their terms of the amnesty and their leaders had been unmasked as agents and propagandists of dangerous alien ideas. Coercing and terrorizing ignorant peasants into following them, taking advantage of the opportunity to hide their identity during the daytime by assimilating themselves with the civilian population and victimizing innocent citizens through treacherous raids and ambushes, these lawless elements have proved with their most recent depredation that they will stop at nothing to sow panic, chaos, and confusion and to undermine the duly constituted government and authority of the people.

"My countrymen, we cannot allow these enemies of human society to continue with their depredations. Unfortunately, what they have just done, is being seized upon as political capital in some quarters, little knowing that by nurturing the seeds of dissension and confusion they are actually giving aid and comfort to the dissident elements in their propaganda and in their forcible efforts to undermine this government.

"We must never again allow those who shock the human conscience by such attacks on society as were perpetrated against the very mother of our people to repeat their dastardly deed."

TOKYO, April 29 (INS)—Gen. MacArthur radioed his condolence today to the surviving children of Mrs. Aurora Quezon who was killed yesterday in an ambush of a motorcade north of Manila.

Contents of the supreme commander's message were not revealed in Tokyo. It was stated that Gen. MacArthur is making no public statement on the slaying of the widow of the Philippines' first president.

NEW YORK, April 29 (UP)—Filipinos and friends of the Philippines—from President Truman on down—were shocked by the Nueva Ecija massacre.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde hurried back to Washington from New York when notified of the tragedy by an embassy spokesman.

Reporters gave President Truman the news at a White House press conference. Mr. Truman said

it was an awful tragedy. Staffs at the Philippine delegation to the United Nations and at the consulate general were stunned by the news when it reached their offices, and many telephoned press services for details.

Philippine U.N. Delegate Carlos P. Romulo's office said he was en route from Manila and probably would be notified at San Francisco.

The tragedy was headlined as the day's biggest story in the New York World Telegram and the New York Sun. The Telegram carried a six-column banner over United Press Manila bureau manager Ralph Teatsorth's story beside two-column portraits each of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken during their 1942 visit here.

The New York Post and the Journal American headlined the story as second in importance only to the talks on the Berlin blockade.

In Washington, former acting Philippine High Commissioner J. Weldon Jones said:

"Mrs. Jones and I are deeply shocked to hear the tragic news concerning Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. We have lost two very dear personal friends. I can personally join with those who knew from close associations the sterling character and great wisdom of the ex-president's wife. She was a quiet but outstanding supporter of her illustrious husband. She was a great credit to Filipino womanhood."

House Republican floor leader Charles Halleck called the incident "deplorable." He said, "The late President Quezon and his wife were magnificent people, and it is certainly most tragic that Mrs. Quezon has been victim to such vicious and brutal action."

Republican Rep. Karl Stefan of Nebraska, whose association with the Philippines goes back 40 years, said the assassination was "a most terrible thing. I think it was definitely a Communist-inspired act. Its significance is more important against the background of events in the Far East. An incident of this kind emphasizes the need to continue United States aid in rehabilitating the Philippines in the same manner as we are doing in Europe. The Philippines is on the eve of what will undoubtedly be a bitterly-fought campaign. Without interfering in its internal affairs, we can assist the Philippines in maintaining order in the same way we have helped other countries."

Richard Ely, chief of the State department's Philippine division, said, "All of us who had the privilege of knowing Mrs. Quezon are very greatly shocked. She was a gracious lady."

Philippine Sen. Vicente Sotto said in New York that he had cabled President Quirino urging the proclamation of martial law in provinces infested by Hukbalahaps.

Sotto, who is currently serving with the United Nations delegation from the Philippines, said he advised Mr. Quirino that Filipinos in the United States were "indignant over this dastardly crime."

Minister Jose P. Melencio said he endorsed Sotto's appraisal of Filipino reaction here.

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP)—The State department announced that the U.S. embassy in Manila had been instructed to deliver a special message from the United States government to President Quirino expressing official Washington's sorrow and shock at learning of the assassination of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and members of her party.

The Philippine embassy closed for a day, and the United States flag flew at half mast in mourning for Mrs. Quezon and those killed with her.

Embassy press attache A. L. Valencia said the embassy would have high requiem mass to coincide with her services in Manila.

Philippine Ambassador Joaquin Elizalde said in a statement: "I am deeply moved at the news of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and members of her family. Doña Aurora was one of the best loved women of our country. Not only as the wife of our late great President Quirino but also because of her own gracious qualities, she held a unique position in the eyes of the Filipino people. All Filipinos in the United States and particularly members of this embassy feel the deepest sorrow at this national tragedy."

The text of the State department message is as follows: "The President and officials of the United States government are shocked to learn of the tragic death of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey deepest sympathy and condolences to the family."

Republican Rep. Walter Judd said he was "shocked and saddened by the death of Mrs. Quezon," whom he described as a "close personal friend."

"This is a preview of the pattern which will be followed throughout Asia by fifth columnists and their tools. We can expect a marked increase in such occurrences following the Communist victories in China."

"If this incident wakes the United States up in time to stop further advance of communism in Asia, then Mrs. Quezon's death will serve to continue the services she rendered during her life."

Democratic Rep. John Dingell of Michigan said in a speech on the floor of the House that the incident proved "the Communist horde has run amok in the islands." He suggested that the Philippine army "deal drastically" with the situation.

Communications Commission Chairman Wayne Coy, former official in the Philippine high commissioner's office, said "Americans who had come to know and honor the Quezon family through the year will join the Philippine nation in mourning this tragedy."

Our only consolation is that the memory of the ideals and services of Manuel Quezon will burn all the brighter in the hearts of all freedom-loving people because of this martyrdom of his family."

Sen. Millard Tydings, one of the co-authors of Philippine independence, said when the news of Mrs. Quezon's death was brought to him, "I am shocked beyond expression." She contributed in her quiet and modest way immeasurably to complete freedom for the Philippines.

American Red Cross President Basil O'Connor mourned Mrs. Quezon's death as the "passing of a great humanitarian."

Washington's three afternoon papers printed the assassination story on the front page, with the Evening Star making it the lead story with an eight-column banner line and a two-column picture of Mrs. Quezon and her daughter Maria Aurora taken when they were here during the war at their home in exile in nearby Leesburg, Virginia.

WASHINGTON, April 29 (AP)—U.S. and Philippine officials in Washington were shocked by the assassination of Mrs. Quezon in the Philippines.

President Truman appeared quite shocked when he heard of it at a news conference. He said it was an awful thing. Later Truman sent a message of condolence for delivery to President Quirino. (The text was not released in Washington.)

In the House of Representatives, Congressman Karl Stefan, Republican, said the United States "is shocked and grieved" to hear of the killings. He told the House:

"With the rush of the Communists in China on toward Shanghai, this event should give us pause."

Stefan once served in the Philippine constabulary. During the second World War he broadcast instructions by short wave radio to Filipino guerrillas.

In another House speech, Representative John D. Dingell, Democrat, said the Philippine army should be called out to deal with Communists who he said have "run amuck." He said: "It is high time that they be suppressed—that they be entirely wiped out."

TOKYO, April 29 (AP)—Shocked by news of the ambush slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others Thursday, Bernabe Africa, head of the Philippines mission to Japan, called it the "most cowardly act in recent times."

Africa said he had been informed that several members of the party were killed after they had made known their identity adding "this shows it was a deliberate murder."

"I was shocked beyond measure when I received the sad news of the murder of Mrs. Quezon, her son-in-law and others of the party." It is the most cowardly act in recent times.

"The authors of this atrocious attack are the Hukbalahaps. Personally I believe the government should intensify its campaign against the Hukbalahaps and their bandit associates who roam the plains and mountains of the central provinces."

Unless they are eliminated the country will not be able to produce the food that is needed for many years because the farmers can not plant and harvest their crops.

Africa said he had no information regarding possibility the attack was aimed at President Quirino.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (UP)—Philippine Senator Tomas Confesor said that the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party was "a sad commentary on the maintenance of law and order in the Philippines."

He said that the loss of Mrs. Quezon and other members of her party was a "terrible tragedy" for the Philippines.

Recuperating in Oakland from a stroke, Confesor said that he plans to leave for Manila "any time now" to face what he described as "trumped up" charges that he ordered the execution of two Filipinos during the war.

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WASHINGTON, D.C., April 28.—Filipinos here were shocked by the news of the death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, widow of President Quezon, and 11 others in the Huk massacre.

F. Ben Brillantes, chairman of the Philippine Ex-Political Prisoners Association (PEPPA) mission, sent his condolences to the family.

To The Heritage

The homage paid by a stricken nation is ample testimony to a people's love for a great soul, for that people's understanding of all that that soul has meant to them—to the poor and lowly among them.

The name of Quezon resounds in history. The clangor of trumpets and the thunder of drums is only an echo of the grand diapason that was the life of Manuel Quezon, who led a nation to liberty. That was for the people and the world, to honor.

As deep and as sonant are the muted yet strong tones that touch the heart—the hearts of the little people who cannot feel as far—yet who feel far beyond the pomp and circumstance of statesmanship. These tones were of the pattern of the life of Aurora Aragon de Quezon. They too were for the world, and for the people.

The brute, insensate murder that broke those tones brought to her a martyrdom that will forever enshrine her memory in the hearts of the people whose love she gained.

In this time of mourning, of horror, the Filipino people may well rise above sorrow in the thought of this addition to their heritage—the Quezon name.



President Quirino flew back from Baguio yesterday morning to attend the late mass for the Quezons at the UST chapel. He is shown above visibly moved.



OLD FRIEND.—Simeon L. Lumanog, 89-year-old veteran of the revolution and friend of the Quezon, was probably the oldest person in the UST chapel yesterday during the rites for the Quezons. He is from Lubao, Pampanga. On his right are Mrs. Jose C. Zulueta and friends.

OPERAS POSTPONED

On account of the untimely death of Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, Miss Aurora (Baby) Quezon and party, the operas, **CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA** and **I PAGLIACCI**, which were set for Sunday, May 1, at 6:30 P.M., have been postponed to another date to be announced later in this newspaper.

VICENTE M. VILLANUEVA
Impresario



NATION PAYS LAST RESPECTS—President Quirino (top picture) takes a last look at the remains of the nation's most revered woman, Doña Aurora A. Quezon, at the North Cemetery, while women in black weeps and is soothed by a relative. Below, left, three of the pallbearers, Dr. Victor Buencamino, father of Philip III, one of those slain; Dr. Eduardo Quisumbing, one of the survivors, and Felipe Buencamino, Jr. Picture at right shows members of the foreign diplomatic corps, headed by Minister Thomas Lockett of the American embassy, with U.S. Navy and U.S. Army representatives. Note children on top of mausoleum.

May Festival Faces Postponement Due To PNRC Loss

Some quarters of the Philippine National Red Cross yesterday suggested the postponement of the May Festival in deference to the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, general manager, inspiration and guiding light of the organization. For the purpose of discussing matters of this nature further the Social Events Committee under the chairmanship of Vicky Quirino and in charge of the affair, has scheduled a general meeting sometime next week. The exact date will be announced later.

Meanwhile, more features of the Festival have been given out, as more and more committees working for the success of the affair have come to an accord with regards to their plans for the Festival.

Mrs. Amparo F. Gonzalez, chairman of the committee on costumes and prizes announced that everyone will have a chance to win a prize during the May Festival at Malacañan Park on May 14.

The committee headed by Mrs. Gonzalez will award various costume prizes for the following: most original or authentic, most attractive or alluring, best dressed pair, most becoming, most romantic pair, most modest, most enticing or most tempting to wear (men), most luring or best eye catching (women), most luring or best eye catching (men) and best NEPA balintawak. Participants should be dressed in balintawak and barong-tagalog. Mrs. Puring Puyat-Gopengco, in charge of soliciting the costume prizes assured that valuable prizes will be donated to the winners.

Luz Puyat likewise gave her assurance that the committee on Door Prizes will give similar prizes to the winners. Each holder of a May Festival ticket is included in the lottery of door prizes and is entitled to win a prize.

Meanwhile, the committee on Refreshments, headed by Mrs. Concepcion M. Henares and Mrs. Balbina Icasiano, announced that the Carabungco, Selecta, and Oasis restaurants have been awarded concessions to put up refreshment booths at Malacañan Park during the May Festival. Native refreshments will be served at nominal prices. It was learned from Mrs. Maria Luisa Vicente, committee on Recruitment chairman, that approximately one hundred young girls will help the different committees during the event.

Quezon Guerrillas Aroused By Killings

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LITCENA, Quezon, April 29. — Guerrilla organizations in this province today volunteered to take part in the all-out government offensive on dissident elements as indignation against the massacre of the Quezon family mounted in this home-province of the late President Quezon.

Meanwhile, Ex-secretary of Labor Leon Guinto this morning announced his candidacy for senator in the coming elections, following an impromptu caucus with his

(Continued on page 1) The announcement was made shortly after official confirmation of the massacre was received in the capital.

Guinto, meanwhile, assailed the administration for its "failure to restore peace and order." The Quezon political leader said that while the administration insists that peace and order has been secured, killings continue, climaxing in the massacre of the Quezon family.

Guinto said it was President Quezon who helped him rise in national politics, and that now that the province needs a leader, he is only too willing to bring the collaboration issue before the people. Guinto served the government under Dr. Jose B. Laurel during the occupation.

Meanwhile, a *Manila Times* survey showed that patrols and whole detachments have been assigned along the main highways while other troops in combat outfit have been combing the hills and countryside for dissidents.

Among those who have condoled with the survivors of the ill-fated victims are Board Members Alfredo Cabungcal and Ramon Ingente, Mayor Elemon Villaseñor of Lucban, Mayor Bartolome Cabutihan of Tayabas, Mayor Sisenando Alcantara of Sariaya, Manager Efranio Manalo of PRATRA, Dr. Angel Almase of the Red Cross chapter. Prominent provincial and municipal officials left for Manila this noon to attend the funeral services and interment of the Quezon family.

Flags at government buildings were at half-mast without waiting for an order to that effect from the provincial board.

A hot political contest is predicted here in view of the death of Mrs. Quezon, who was the acknowledged political leader of this province.

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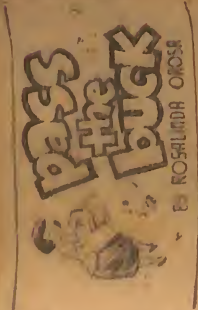
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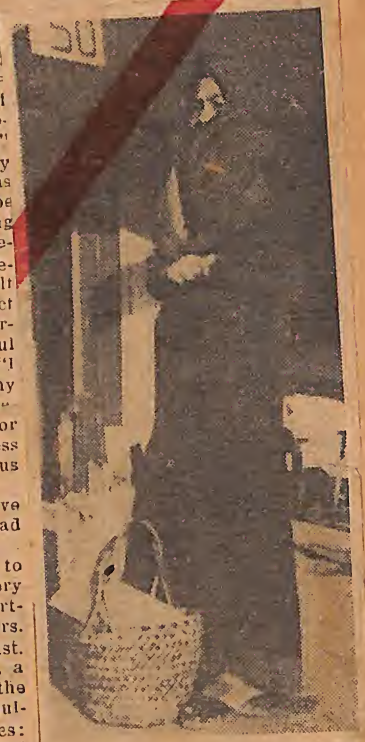
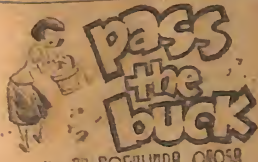


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The survivor had blood-stained trousers. He was dirty and unkempt. I saw him cry once. When a modestly clad, insignificant-looking fellow asked him what had happened, he brushed the question aside with, "Ask so-and-so. He knows more about it than I do."

Then a group of newspaperwomen asked him about his experiences. Contrary to what he had previously said, he seemed to have been in the thick of things. The "hero" became loquacious. He told and retold his tale with gusto.

I was impressed by his conduct. I wondered how a man, just a few hours ago witness to the massacre of so many people, could have been so concerned with this mundane thought: publicity.

People are still talking about it. They have not recovered from their shock, their grief, or their indignation. It was not the death of Mrs. Quezon that shocked them most—all mortals have to die—but that such a gentle woman should have met a violent death.

It will take some time before they get over the fact that she was riddled with bullets at close range and treated by the killers with such savagery and contempt.

"You can have your Mrs. Quezon—the lady with the white hair—she is dead now," Huk told the drivers where lives they had spared.

The national tragedy has shocked people into sobriety and quieter living—at least for a time. Thoughts long buried in the deepest recesses of their minds have been unearthed. Questions continue to be asked. The fear of the unknown, not felt in their more sanguine moments, occupies their thoughts.

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Editorial Digest

In unison, the Manila papers cry out for swift justice against the perpetrators of the murder of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and 11 members of her party. It's the last straw, they all say in effect, in words as follows:

The Manila Times: "A people cowers in sorrow today. The most revered woman in the land, her daughter, ten others were massacred, while traveling on a public road... this fact cannot be explained, cannot be excused, cannot be rationalized... Doña Aurora, the widow of Manuel L. Quezon, the quiet shining lamp that held before the people the memory of that flaming light of freedom that was Quezon, was murdered. And the people cowers in sorrow — and waits — for more murders?"

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SCENE AT THE UST CHAPEL early yesterday, with the remains of Mrs. Quezon surrounded by representatives of the Philippine National Red Cross of which she was national chairman. President Quirino sits at vigil at center. Note large throng in back. (Photo by Maglalang.)

Quezon Widow Buried Beside Great Husband

A grand lady, her daughter, and her son-in-law were laid to rest yesterday as a nation still reeling from the shock caused by their death and those of nine others, bowed its head in grief.

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At twilight, in the Quezon family plot in the North cemetery close to which only a year and three days ago the remains of the late President Roxas were laid to rest, were interred Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Maria Aurora Quezon, and Philip Buencamino III, victims of the Huk ambushade Thursday.

A crowd estimated from 200,000 upwards lined the streets from the University of Santo Tomas chapel, where the cortege started, to the cemetery to pay homage to these members of the family of the illustrious Manuel L. Quezon whose charitable deeds had endeared them to the masses.

People from all walks of life—headed by President Quirino, his daughter, Vicky, ranking government officials, representatives of foreign governments, prominent citizens, workers, and students—were on hand for the final ceremonies.

Long before the funeral ceremony scheduled at 4 p.m. people flocked to the chapel where guards of honor were posted by the Red Cross, the Girl Scout, women's clubs, the VSAC, the YLAC, the police, and other organizations.

At exactly 4 p.m. the President, accompanied by his daughter, Vicky, and his aides, arrived at the chapel and knelt down to pray before the three bronze caskets. Among the other early arrivals were Former US Ambassador Paul

V. McNutt and Dr. Victor Buencamino, father of Philip, and his daughters, Dolly and Neneng.

Absent were Mrs. Nini Quezon Buencamino and Nonong Quezon, who had held their vigil in the morning when a series of masses were said from 6 to 9:30.

Following a 25-minute ceremony, the President, Senate President Mariano J. Cuenco, Speaker Eugenio Perez, Chief Justice Manuel Moran and Mrs. Francisca Tirona Benitez acted as pallbearers and took the casket of Mrs. Quezon to the door.

Pallbearers for Mrs. Quezon included representatives of the VSAC, YLAC, GSP, Assumption convent, and UST. Among the pallbearers for Buencamino were Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Felino Neri and representatives from the Ateneo de Manila association, the Malacañan Press association, the Philippine Newspaper guild, the UST, and veterans organizations.

On the burial site, the Philippine army band played Chopin's **Funeral March**. The final religious rites were conducted by Bishop Rufino Santos.

President Quirino stood at the foot of the casket of Mrs. Quezon, while at the side were Mrs. Quezon's sisters who survived the ambushade, and Mrs. Trinidad Roxas, widow of President Roxas.

Mrs. Quezon's flag-draped casket was carried into the lot a few minutes later and placed into the new crypt into which President Quirino threw a flower. Then the President and Vicky knelt down and prayed. Immediately followed the placing of Baby's and Philip's caskets into crypts side by side.

Romulo Believes Ambushers Huks

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (AP).—Belief that "communist-inspired Huks" committed the ambush slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon in the Philippines was expressed here Thursday by Brig. General Carlos P. Romulo.

Romulo referred to the Hukbalahaps, armed peasant guerrillas who have been active since war's end.

Romulo paused here en route from the Philippines to Lake Success as chief Philippine delegate to the United Nations.

Romulo said the attack occurred in a section where Huks are hiding out. He discounted a suggestion the ambush was the work of bandits.

He said the Huks have also been known to rob their victims.

"She was liked by everyone and had no enemies," he said. "She husband. Here work in the Philippines—even after the death of her husband. He work in the Philippine Red Cross was something that will live forever. She was a lady of such dignity."

Mayor Bernardo Funeral Sunday

The body of the late Quezon City Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo which lies at the new city hall on Highway 54, in Cubao, will be laid to rest at the north cemetery tomorrow morning, Sunday, May 1, after the necrological services at 8 o'clock.

A special necrological program will be held at 5:30 p.m. today by the Cubao civic community club at the QC hall.

The necrological services will be opened by the Philippine army band with "Nearer My God to Thee," followed by speeches. Then Maria Luisa Eustaquio will sing "Ave Maria."

Scheduled to speak tomorrow are Congressman Tomas B. Morato, former QC mayor who is now representative for the second district of Quezon province; Juan M. Arellano, chairman of the capital city planning commission; Dr. Bienvenido M. Gonzalez, president of the University of the Philippines; Judge Ceferino de los Santos of the QC court of first instance; and acting QC Mayor Roxas. José Velez Martinez, Mayor Bernardo's father-in-law, will give the response. The AFP band will play "Meditation," to conclude the necrological services.

Mayor Bernardo was among the victims of the Baler highway massacre Thursday morning. He was with Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon's party when he met his tragic end.

He is survived by his wife, the former Josefina Martinez of Quezon province and eight children. They are: Carolina, 18; Josefina, 17; Ponciano, Jr., 15; Emmanuel, 14; Juliet, 12; Reynaldo, 10; Marie Chu, 8; and Cherry, 6.

Hundreds of residents from all walks of life, school pupils, and high ranking government officials were among the visitors who flocked to the city hall yesterday to view the remains of the QC executive.

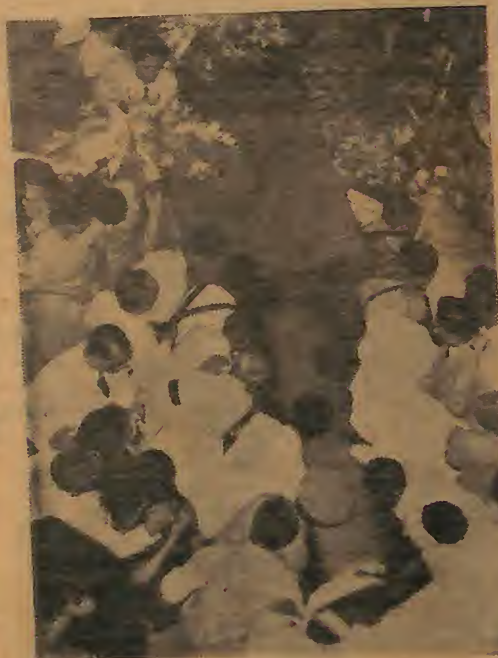
200,000 Witness Mrs. Quezon Funeral

Upwards of 200,000 viewed with grief the remains of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, Maria Aurora "Baby" Quezon, and Philip Buencamino III taken to their last resting place at the North cemetery. Packed throngs lined the funeral route along España, Quezon boulevard, Azcarraga, Rizal avenue, and Blumentritt yesterday afternoon. President Quirino was the most distinguished among the mourners. By being one of the pallbearers of Mrs. Quezon's casket as it left the University of Santo Tomas chapel at 4 p.m., the President broke an old tradition, established the precedent for a Chief Executive to be a pallbearer for a private citizen.

The funeral was quiet and unostentatious. Mrs. Quezon and 11 members of her party were killed in an ambush at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, 62 kilometers east of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija.

Below (left): Philip's casket is placed in crypt and (center) part of the huge crowd at the cemetery.

Photo at right shows the cortege, with the body of Mrs. Quezon in the leading car, that of "Baby" Quezon in the next one, and that of Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III in the third.



MOURNERS surround the casket of "Baby" Quezon at the North cemetery. Note expression of deep grief on faces of Miss Quezon's associates in the Young Ladies Aid group.



THE THREE CASKETS are viewed for the last time just before they are lowered into their crypts. Mrs. Quezon's is at left, that of "Baby" at center, and Philip's at right.



PRESIDENT QUIRINO (at left) helps carry casket of Mrs. Quezon at the North cemetery. Burial of the nine other victims in the Bongabon massacre has been set for various future dates.

Hundreds Answer Call For Blood

That Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon was beloved by everyone was made evident last Thursday evening when more than 200 people of almost all nationalities residing in Manila flocked to the Philippine National Red Cross blood bank to donate part of their blood.

The tremendous response was in answer to the Red Cross appeal flashed over all Manila's radio stations for Type O blood urgently needed to help save the lives of those critically injured due to the Quezon party ambush. Earlier in the afternoon, the entire blood Type O stock of the Red Cross was flown to the Cabanatuan provincial hospital where the injured were hospitalized.

The answer to the radio blood appeal flashed over stations DZMB, DZRH, and DZPI was electric. Immediately after the first flash, at about 5 p.m. prospective donors started pouring into PNRC headquarters at the corner of Isaac Peral and Taft Avenue. Such was Mrs. Quezon's prestige that even one woman, not knowing that the former first lady was dead, volunteered to donate even half of her entire blood thinking it would save the PNRC chairman.

Only sixty among the many that registered, however, were classified as having type O blood.



BLOOD DONORS of all nationalities, majority Filipinos and Americans, immediately rushed to the Red Cross headquarters following a frantic appeal for blood donors flashed over radio stations DZFM, DZMB, DZRH and DZPI last Thursday afternoon, urgently needed to save the lives of injured persons hospitalized in Cabanatuan Provincial hospital as a result of the Huk ambush. Above shows Francisco Ortigas, Jr., one of the first to heed the Red Cross call for blood donors, donating blood to save the lives of those who were involved in the ambush. (PNRC Photo)

MANILA, PHILIPPINES, SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1949

QUEZON KILLERS STRIKE AGAIN

Gov. Chioico Says Too Much Politics To Blame for Nueva Ecija Killings

Governor Juan O. Chioico of Nueva Ecija yesterday took to the press and said that the administration, saying that "too much politics was transferred Nueva Ecija into an inferno and is responsible for the recent tragic killing of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and other members of her party."

Gov. Chioico said that the recent administration of President Quirino was not the cause of the tragedy, but that the tragedy was the result of the "too much politics" transferred to Nueva Ecija. He said that the tragedy was the result of the "too much politics" transferred to Nueva Ecija.

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Mrs. Quezon Laid To Rest

Under an overcast sky yesterday afternoon, a mourning nation buried the most revered woman in the country, her daughter, and her son-in-law—famous victims of a brutal Huk ambushade.

The remains of the three, Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Baby Quezon, and Philip Buencamino III, were laid to final rest at the Gomez family lot in the North Cemetery where the late President Manuel L. Quezon is entombed.

As early as 2 o'clock in the afternoon, crowds began gathering on the UPT grounds, lining the streets through which the funeral cortege was to pass. At 4 o'clock, President Elpidio Quirino, his daughter Vicki, and aide-de-camp arrived at the UPT chapel. The President was the principal pall bearer for Mrs. Quezon.

The cortege left the chapel at 4:30 o'clock, arriving at the cemetery at 5 o'clock. Police and UPT soldiers had difficulty at the burial lot clearing the way for the procession.

A band, broken only by sated solo ensembles, led by the pall bearers, approached with the caskets in the strains of "Swear to Me That" played by the constabulary band.

The caskets were laid down a few feet from the burial lot. Mrs. Quezon's, draped in a Filipino flag, borne by members of the UMAC—the charity organization of which she was the president. Philip's, carried by his father, son, and son-in-law. After the burial, a luncheon was held at the UPT. Mrs. Quezon's casket was lifted and laid into the grave, still wet, beside her husband's. Baby followed next, followed by Philip's. The funeral cortege then left the burial lot by a side exit.

The second dispersed silently at 2:30 a few remaining to break off twigs from the flowering shrubs on the burial lot for



—MAYOR BONGABONG, who was in the Huk ambushade last Thursday morning which resulted in the slaying of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter Baby, Philip Buencamino III and nine other members of her party is the car of Mayor Bongabong, shown in top photo, climbed with 30 other machine gun bullets from front to rear. Several shots were fired, causing the car to be hit and the occupants to be killed. The car was then set on fire and burned.

(Photos by Manila Bureau.)



HOW THE QUEZONS WERE KILLED—A map of the Quezon family lot in the North Cemetery, showing the location of the tragedy. The map is titled 'HOW THE QUEZONS WERE KILLED'. It shows a road running from BONGABONG to CABARATUAN. Along the road, there are several points marked with letters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. The road is flanked by a river on the left and a hill on the right. The map also shows the location of the Quezon family lot in the North Cemetery.

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VICENTE M. VILLARUEVA

2 Die, Others Hurt in New N.E. Ambush

Heavy Fighting Between PC, Huks; Trap for Officials

Special to the Chronicle

CABANATUAN, April 30 — The hunted Quezon killers slipped through the tight cordon thrown by PC and PA soldiers in an undisclosed area here, and struck again with new cases of murder and robbery this morning.

Huk bands believed to be the same group that ambushed Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and party last Thursday, held up five freight trucks along the Rizal-Pantabangan highway, killing two persons, wounding several others and robbing the passengers of cash and valuables.

Long-haired, and haggard, the Huks led by Commander Alejandro Viernes alias Liwayway, planted themselves in barrio Palachac, 4 kilometers north of Rizal town and held up five trucks. An unidentified civilian guard who fired back at the Huks, was slain. Also killed was Ingrida Hugayon, 19, single, who was hit mortally by the Hukbalahap fire.

Seriously wounded were Hugo Guevarra, 45, and Saludes Gagarin, 19 who were sent to the provincial hospital. Many others sustained minor gunshot wounds.

Truck passengers said that the Huks were in tattered denim uniform, with unkempt beards and sunken eyes, due to continuous movements in eluding government troopers. They also declared that the Huks complained of the small loot. Passengers heard the Huk say, "Mallit lamang at ating tipak hindi, kagaya ng kay Dona Aurora," meaning ("our loot is small as compared to that from Mrs. Quezon.")

This expression of comparison gave the impression here that the bandits were of the same band that murdered and robbed the Quezons last Thursday. Truck passengers returned to this capital as they were completely stripped of their baggage, clothing and shoes. They said that they were warned not to report the hold-up to the PC garrison in Rizal town until three hours after the incident.

Captain Olimpio Manalang, one of the survivors of the ill-fated Quezon party, today said that the hunted Quezon ambushers might have been the same band that held up the freight trucks.

Due to shift in the Huk operations, government troopers may be transferred to Rizal, PC headquarters declared today.

As Philippine Constabulary and Philippine Army reinforcements are being rushed to the Bongabong-Lingayan area, heavy fighting yesterday was reported between government forces and disaffected believed to be Huks, according to reports from Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

No official reports on casualties was available.

The Quezon ambush was a robbery-murder trap for high government officials who were expected to accompany the ill-fated party to Baler, eye-witnesses revealed yesterday to a Chronicle reporter in Nueva Ecija. The Huks were not after Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon but after high government officials, whom they accused of squandering the people's money with their extravagance.

Eyewitnesses who were held captives by the Quezon killers before the ambushade, said that the ambush gang was led by Commander Alejandro Viernes. They told the Chronicle reporter that they heard the commander shout, "Tell your Quirino and everybody, I am Viernes."

Domingo Laoag, road foreman along the Bongabong highway said that the Huks carried propaganda leaflets depicting Quirino as squandering the people's money.

News correspondents who went to the scene of the ambushade found fresh coconuts in the place.

Mrs. Quezon Left Message to Labor

The late Mrs. Aurora Quezon left a message to Filipino labor for whom she had done so much to raise the standard of living and improve the working conditions of the common masses, who now grieve her great loss.

The message was probably prepared before she left on her fateful trip to Baler last Thursday morning. Her foresight was ironic; she had perhaps planned not to return from Baler until the week was over. But always thoughtful of the common man, she left not without extending her heartfelt felicitations on this, the common man's day.

The message follows:

"For a country that has just undergone the rather arduous phase set by a nascent industry, the Philippines is to be congratulated for its phenomenal advance in the field of labor-capital relations.

"It is most noteworthy that labor has taken complete cognizance of the role it has to shape in the formulation of a sound and enduring basis around which harmonious economy devolves. That local labor, young in the ways of trade unionism, has militated against the unsound manifestations of capitalism and at the same time taken due recognition of its defined rights and prerogatives, edifies the laborers, evokes the respect of the capitalist and fosters that smooth relation between the two.

"A labor festival commemorating the 47th anniversary of the founding of the trade unions in the Philippines should receive every encouragement. It is another potent indication that those holding the reins of labor have moved another step towards improving the lot of the worker. Together with the many thousands who see in this occasion incontrovertible proof of labor's enlightened role, I wish to proffer my utmost appreciation."

Convert Ambush Area into Park

The area surrounding the spot where Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her party were massacred will be converted into a national forest preserve which will be called the Aurora memorial park to honor the memory of Mrs. Quezon, the cabinet decided yesterday morning at its special meeting at Malacañan.

President Quirino recommended this proposal to the cabinet after his long conference with Mayor Pedro Guerrero of Baler, Quezon, who called at Malacañan yesterday morning to give his version of the Quezon party ambushade. Mayor Guerrero was accompanied by Dr. Emilio Ocampo, chief of the Aurora hospital in Baler.

The President told the cabinet that the area had already been set aside as a national forest preserve, but he instructed Agriculture Secretary Placido Mapa to take the necessary measures to develop the area and make it a fitting memorial to Mrs. Quezon.

Mayor Guerrero informed the President that he headed the Baler reception delegation which was to have met the Quezon party near the Nueva Ecija-Quezon boundary. According to him, his reception group was waiting at the Quezon Natatorium in Nueva Ecija, some 600 meters away from the Quezon border, when the massacre occurred some 400 meters down the road.

He said that the members of the Baler delegation mistook the burst of machinegun fire for heraldry announcing the approach of the Quezon party. He informed also the President that the Baler reception group did not learn of the ambushade until after the people who had been

held prisoner by the Huks had been released and came running down the road to inform them about what had happened to the Quezon party.

Mayor Guerrero's report that the murderers came from Baler as all the people of that town are peaceful and loved and respected Mrs. Quezon. According to him, he knows all the people of Baler and could vouch for their conduct. The Baler mayor also said that the armed band had gathered at the ambush spot as early as 4 o'clock that morning and had been holding up trucks and people, keeping all of them prisoners until after they had massacred the Quezon group. According to him, the murderers held up about 20 trucks which they used as road barricades.

Another Ambuscade Victim Laid to Rest

The remains of Pedro Payumo, family cook and chauffeur of the Quezon family who was one of the victims on the ambushade on the Huk raid on Mrs. Quezon and her party, were laid at 4 p.m. yesterday at the North Cemetery.

The deceased was survived by her wife, Lourdes, and 11 children.

The cortege from the Funeraria Nacional to the cemetery was followed by officials of the Malacañan executive office. Among these were Manuel Agudo, Arturo Gonzales, Leon Clemente, Manuel Zamora, Jose del Rosario, and chauffeurs and members of the security guard at Malacañan.

Mass for Quezons To Be Said in US

WASHINGTON, April 30 — (UP) — Three Filipino Jesuit priests will eulogize Mrs. Manuel Quezon; her daughter, Maria Aurora, and son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III, in a requiem high mass on May 3.

Fr. Francisco Araneta is scheduled to officiate at the services at St. Matthews cathedral. Fr. Cicero Cebrero and Fr. Jaime Neri will assist.

NEW YORK, April 30 — (AP) — The Times editorialized today that news of the ambush killing of three members of the Quezon family and nine others in the Philippines was received in the United States "with grief, horror and disappointment."

"Our deep sympathy goes out to the Filipinos in this grievous loss," the Times said, "and with it our hope that the lawless aftermath of the cruel days of the war may soon come to an end."

NEW YORK, April 30 — (UP) — "Americans who respect the memory of Manuel L. Quezon, first president of the Philippines and symbol of the dauntless fight his countrymen waged against the Japanese invaders, will be shocked at the brutal slaying of his widow, his daughter and his son-in-law in the mountains north of Manila," a Herald-Tribune editorial said.

"The tragedy seems so wanton and pointless, whatever the motives of the killers," the editorial continued. "It can only intensify the determination of the government to suppress the movement which caused the crime."

Of Mrs. Quezon, the editorial said:

"The great crowd of mourners which gathered for her funeral procession was eloquent testimony to her position in the hearts of her people," and added that "the United States will share in the sorrow of the Philippines and hope that the young republic will soon be able to stamp out the forces which threaten it."

Quezon City to Start Today Mourning for Mayor Bernardo

Special to the Chronicle

QUEZON CITY, April 30 — This city observes beginning today a seven-day mourning in honor of its late chief executive Ponciano A. Bernardo, 43, who was one of the victims in the ambushade on Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her party.

The passing of Mayor Bernardo marks the end of the illustrious triumvirate which was responsible for the growth and development of Quezon City into a fine and thriving city that it is today. The other two members of the triumvirate were the late President Manuel L. Quezon himself and the late Don Alejandro Roces, owner of the defunct TTV publications.

The triumvirate envisioned a city of magnificent distances comparable to Washington, D.C.

But when Mayor Bernardo became mayor of Quezon City in January, 1947, he continued the plan of construction where the triumvirate left off in 1941. Bernardo ordered, with limited resources, the reconstruction and repair of all destroyed roads and bridges. After a year of rigid economy, nearly all

important highways and bridges of Quezon City had been placed in magnificent shape.

Bernardo, at the time of his death, was planning an artificial forest near the city hall on Highway 54. This forest will have a park, a zoo, and a lover's lane—q

2 Operas Set For May 4

The opera presentations, "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci," which were previously set for this evening (May 1) and postponed out of respect to the late Dona Aurora A. Quezon, will definitely be held on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m., it was announced yesterday by Vicente Villanueva, impresario of the opera fare. All tickets previously sold will be honored on the day of the performance.

April 19, 1949

Dear Mr. del Rosario:

In justice to the Huks and the national liberation movement of which it is a part, and in order to set the record straight as to the deceased Mrs. Quezon and her daughter's role in the national liberation movement, I request that you publish the enclosed press release.

I am sure that you do not want to be an instrument for creating a hysteria which will only result in the needless sacrifice of innocent lives. It is in this spirit, more than in anything else that I am very much interested in having this press release published.

Very sincerely,

M. Taruc
LUIS M. TARUC



OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING

On the front page of this issue of the Chronicle Huk chief Luis Taruc advanced his views on the Quezon massacre.

In effect he has declared a state of open rebellion against the present government. He points to the possibility that men in this government are the ones behind the wanton assassination of Mrs. Quezon and her companions.

Whatever the merits of the Taruc declaration, I believe that it was for Mrs. Quezon to deny or confirm his assertion that she was supporting the Hukbalahap movement. And she is dead.

In the statement, Taruc also admits in a vague manner that it was possible that Huks perpetrated the atrocity on the Bongabon-Baler road although he denies that the Hukbalahap high command had issued an order to liquidate Mrs. Quezon.

Taruc promises that if Huks who have "breached our Iron Discipline" are responsible for the murder of the Quezons and their companions, the Hukbalahap shall deal justice to them accordingly. Taruc must give concrete evidence of that, either by surrendering to the authorities the murderers of Mrs. Quezon or, at least, by taking justice into his own hands and proving beyond question that he has done so.

From the evidence so far, suspicion falls on renegade Huks as guilty of the assassination. If this is the fact, then justice is as much the concern of the Huk high command as it is of the government. Both of them have to make up for the death of the innocent victims of the massacre in Bongabon, this first

for the crime of its blood-thirsty followers and the latter for having failed to avert the circumstances which brought about the tragedy.

The people, who are the ultimate judge of the acts of both the Huks and the government are as bitter in their denunciation of the Huks as they are of the gross negligence of the government. This has resulted not only in the Quezon tragedy but also in the killing of so many other innocent victims before and after Bongabon because of the conflict in Central Luzon, which has given patent manifestations of going beyond rationalization. The only law now in Central Luzon is the law of the gun.

Claiming to speak for the people, Taruc points out that 95 per cent of them are the masses, the working class. But does he speak for all of them when he speaks in effect of armed revolution? Is he credible when he insinuates that Mrs. Quezon was the victim of an American imperialist plot in conspiracy with their Filipino puppets?

The people are no dupes for propaganda regardless of who dishes it out. The people are inclined to believe that responsible Huk leaders have nothing to do with the death of Mrs. Quezon. They are equally inclined to believe that the leaders of the constituted government have nothing to do with the assassination.

But they are beginning to believe that the Huk high command is as capable of irresponsibility as the government they accuse of this offense, which in Bongabon caused a heinous crime against which the conscience of our people have revolted.

Taruc Denies Huks Ordered Quezon Trap

Promises Justice Against Huk Troops If Found Guilty

The following communication prefaced with a letter to the editor of the Manila Chronicle was received by this newspaper last night from Luis Taruc, commander-in-chief of the Hukbalahap, who speaks in connection with the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and her companions on the Bongabon-Baler road:

"April 29, 1949

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"Very sincerely,
(Sgd.) "Luis M. Taruc"

"The untimely and tragic death of Mrs. Quezon, her daughter and other members of her party is indeed very sad. I wish with all humbleness to lay my grief beside that of our fellow-countrymen, feeling with all the same sense of tragic loss.

"Already, without any investigation, the forces of greed and corruption have taken advantage of such a tragic occasion to smear anew the good name of the HUK, pointing at it an accusing finger, with the hope of creating national hysteria that would call for further suppressive measures.

"We have no quarrel with the puppet administration should it want to come out openly and crush our national liberation movement, because we have time and again announced our intention to overthrow this puppet administration as a means to overthrow imperialist domination of our country. What we condemn, and what every honest and decent Filipino should condemn, is the screening of real motivations by the puppet administration behind the curtain of Mrs. Quezon's unfortunate death.

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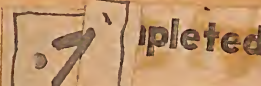
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VICENTE M. VILLANUEVA
Impresario

Incidentally...

By Virginia Benitez Licuanan

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Ordinarily this week end would be a wonderful time for out of town trips since Monday is also a holiday and that makes it a three day weekend. But ever since the Ambush of the Quezon party, there is an understandable reluctance on the part of many people to leave the comparative safety of the city. A friend of mine was planning a provincial trip but changed her mind when she heard of the Quezon tragedy. "But," argued her would-be hostess, "... there are no Huks in our province... just bandits." And my friend with unanswerable logic said, "What difference will it make if I am killed by Huks or by bandits... would I be any less dead either way?" Which might have been an answer to our bigwigs who are now still arguing about who were the perpetrators of the crime in Bongabon.



President Quirino slipped quietly out of the Palace late yesterday afternoon to call on Nini Quezon Buencamino, widow of Philip Buencamino III, and on her brother Manuel (Nonong) Quezon. The President stayed for more than one hour at the Quezon home on Gilmore Avenue.

Earlier yesterday, the President called up Jose Yulo to inquire about both Nini and Nonong. From the Quezon home, the President returned to the Palace where Senator Tomas

Cabili, Carlos Rivilla and John Canson had been waiting for him.

In the morning, the President received two rival representatives from Oriental Negros, (Congressmen Lorenzo Teves and Enrique Medina) who both came presumably to settle their political dispute before the Apo. He received Rep. Juan Reyes of Capiz who asked financial aid for his district. From Baler Mayor Pedro V. Guerrero, the Apo received more information about the Quezon party massacre at Bongabon.

Mrs. Julpa Schuck Garmen, accompanied by former Governor Calixto de Leon and Mrs. Tilly Rogers, called to report the rampant piracy and banditry in Sulu sea by Moros against whom constabulary authorities seemed to be helpless. Mrs. Garmen urged the Apo that the incumbent governor Arolas Tulawi be changed for the good of the Sulu people. She recommended that Calixto de Leon, one of her companions, be named Sulu provincial executive.

The President met the Cabinet shortly before 12 noon, took his lunch at about 2 o'clock and retired to his siesta half an hour later.

Inside MALACANAN

by CELSO G. CABRERA

Several weeks ago, Nueva Ecija Governor Juan O. Chioco patiently cooled his heels at Malacanang to deliver to President Quirino what he considered an urgent message: That peace and order conditions in central Luzon, especially in Nueva Ecija and Quezon province, were worsening. Chioco who won the governorship through the Huks' vote came to inform the Apo that majority of the barrio people have deserted their homes, abandoned their farms, and sought refuge in towns to protect themselves from the Huks. He protested against the constabulary whom he accused of withdrawing from their outposts in isolated areas and of slackening in their patrol duty. Chioco informed the Apo that the central Luzon areas needed more constabulary soldiers to protect the innocent civilians who have been rendered helpless by fear.

Instead of heeding the appeal, the Apo called for consultation Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos who told him not to pay attention to the Nueva Ecija governor. To newsmen, the PC commander said: "You can travel along central Luzon anytime of the day and night and be safe." In the meantime, accounts of raids, kidnappings, holdups, murders littered the newspapers almost daily. Explained Gen. Ramos: "The Huks are getting hungry. They are coming down to get food and money." When newsmen called his attention to the almost daily occurrence of crimes in central Luzon, President Quirino repeated Gen. Ramos' explanation. In fact he has believed the reports of Gen. Mariano Castaneda that the Huk campaign had terminated and that of Gen. Ramos that there is peace everywhere, that President Quirino cited the restoration of peace and order as a shining achievement of his administration.

As the President traveled from Manila to the Visayas, to Mindanao, to Bicolandia, and to Baguio,

routed out of its false feeling of security. The people became aware of the terrorism in their midst by the tragic news of Mrs. Quezon's cold blooded murder. The President was having his siesta when the news that jolted Baguio was received at the Mansion House from Gov. Chioco.

Fearing that the news might further weaken his already weak heart, Presidential advisers, aides and household members hesitated in waking him up. What they did was to go into a huddle and decided to name Chief Justice Manuel Moran as the envoy to break the shocking news to him. After making this decision, all tiptoed quietly to the President's bedroom and waited for the Apo to get up from his sweet slumber as they discussed in whisper among themselves the best way of breaking the news to him.

The Apo at long last woke up, rubbed his drowsy eyelids. The "hour of decision" arrived. But Envoy Manuel Moran vacillated in the performance of his mission. Forthwith, the task fell upon a man of stouter heart, Tommy, the President's son. The group then composed of Mrs. Nila Mendoza, Miss Filadelfo Rojas, Chief Justice and Mrs. Moran, aides and physicians, moved stealthily toward him and without saying a word encircled him. This must have made the Apo suspect that something went wrong somewhere, as he eyed the glumfaced crowd that surrounded him. In the meantime, deathly hush hung over the Mansion House as every caller was intercepted by cautious aide de camp who told everyone to refrain from making any unnecessary noises which might increase the Apo's blood pressure.

After Tommy informed his father of the news, the latter stunned by the tragedy sank back to his thickly cushioned bed and remained motionless.

speechless for sometime so that Dr. Fernando Martires was almost tempted to inject him with a reviving drug. To the President, Mrs. Quezon was a personal loss. It was observed it was also a great political loss. (Thousands of votes gone with the wind). When the President recovered from his temporary coma, he called for stenographers

army and constabulary top brass with shining insignias, attired in well pressed uniforms and polished boots tagged behind him in impressive array, when all the time these symbols of wasted manpower should be hunting down the Huks. In recognition of their services, the President recently awarded these officers mass promotion in the face of loud protest from deserving officers who are actually doing the dirty job of protecting the people.

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The Woman's World

BY ENRIQUETA R. BENAVIDES

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In accordance with the President's instructions, Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, chief of the constabulary, arrived in Cabanatuan this afternoon to supervise the operation. The presence of the PC chief in the field raised the troop morale poised to liquidate Mrs. Quezon's murderers.

It was learned here General Ramos and the members of his staff are scheduled to go to Bongabon to confer with Colonel Liberato Littaua, central Luzon zone commander, and Lieut. Col. Macario Asistio, G-2 of constabulary headquarters, who have been in the field since shortly after the Quezon ambush.

It was learned further that at least three more CPs will be strewn around the area of operations covering fastnesses of Bongabon-Baler-Dingalan-Carrangalan-Pantabagan.

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President Quirino told the cabinet he understood the area already had been set aside as a national forest preserve but he instructed Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources Placido Mapa to take the necessary measures to develop the area as a fitting memorial to Mrs. Quezon.

Lim, Daza Mourn Mrs. Quezon's Death

Justice Manuel Lim, now chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross succeeding Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon who was the chairman at the time of her death last Thursday, April 28, in a press statement



Friday said that the death of the widow of the late President Quezon is "a national disaster, not only for the Red Cross, but for the entire Filipino Nation as well."

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which the Red Cross and the Filipino people as a whole will not easily recover. He further said, "Mrs. Quezon leaves behind a heritage rich in sublimity and of unequalled worth. Her selfless devotion to humanity at large, and her people in particular, will live in the hearts of all men long after she is gone."

Gabriel A. Daza, secretary-treasurer of the PNRC Board of Governors, said, "I used to be with Mrs. Quezon. I can't believe she is dead."

San Agustin Brothers Laid To Rest Tuesday

Interment of the San Agustin brothers, Primitivo and Antonio, who were among the victims of the Bongabon massacre last Thursday at the Cementerio del Norte.

At 7 a.m. on Tuesday the bodies will be taken to the Espiritu Santo church for the Mass. Immediately after the mass the interment will take place.

Meanwhile a large number of friends of the family have been visiting the bodies at the Elinoraria Nacional.

Interment and memorial services for Mayor Ponciano A. Bernado of Quezon City will take place this morning.

Pedro Payumo, a Malacanan driver who was killed in the ambushade was laid to rest in the North Cemetery at 4 p.m. yesterday, with officials, employees and representatives from the Malacanan motor pool attending.

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No Peace Order Yet, Says Lopez

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The senator blamed those officials who gave misleading assurances and statements to President Elpidio Quirino to the effect that peace and order had been restored in central Luzon and that everything was under control.

"The vacillating policy of the government regarding peace and order," Senator Lopez said, "should be corrected immediately because it is weak."

However, he cautioned government authorities to spare innocent lives in dealing with the dissidents. He claimed that if the government can restore peace and order in central Luzon, dissidents in other troubled areas in the Visayas and Mindanao will lay down their arms.

Public criticism against the Quirino administration and the constabulary is mounting here.

CWL Conference Today On Mrs. Quezon

The conference of the Catholic Women's Club at 10 a.m. today at the Assumption convent on Herran will deal partly on the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

The Rev. Fr. Castro, S. J. will speak in Spanish. A number of men and women have been invited.

We, The People

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I was shocked and stunned by the sad news of the murder of Mrs. Quezon and members of her party. I could not account for the atrocious fact that there are Filipinos who would perpetrate such a dastardly act.

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JUAN F. HILARIO.

Taruc Deplores Quezon Murder

Probe In Progress—Full Punishment For Guilty

The Hukbalahap high command has launched a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the massacre of Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter "Baby" and 10 other members of her party on the road to Baler Thursday, and if this investigation "reveals any negligence or breach of the Hukbalahap Iron Discipline, punishment of the guilty party will be carried out swiftly and to the limits of severity," Luis Al. Taruc, commander-in-chief of all Huk forces, announced in a press statement to the Manila Times yesterday.

"The untimely and tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter and other members of her party is indeed very sad," Taruc's statement said. "I wish with all humbleness to lay my grief beside that of our fellow-countrymen, feeling with all the same sense of tragic loss."

The Huk supreme's statement made the startling revelation that Doña Aurora was "one of the heavy and regular contributors of the Huks." This matter could not be revealed in Mrs. Quezon's lifetime for security reasons, according to the statement. Taruc added that Mrs. Quezon had in fact threatened to expose atrocities committed by the Philippine Constabulary on her own tenants in her hacienda in Arayat.

Taruc issued the statement to avoid creating a feeling of hysteria throughout the country, "that will only result in the needless sacrifice of human lives," and "smear anew the good name of the Huks." The Huk supreme commander said that Mrs. Quezon had taken the same route before when traveling to her late husband's birthplace in Baler, but was never molested.

Taruc's statement follows in full:

The untimely and tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, her daughter and other members of her party is indeed very sad. I wish with all humbleness to lay my grief beside that of our fellow-countrymen, feeling with all the same sense of tragic loss.

Already, without any investigation, the forces of greed and corruption have taken advantage of such a tragic occasion to smear anew the good name of the Huk, pointing at it an accusing finger, with the hope of creating national hysteria that would call for further suppressive measures.

We have no quarrel with the puppet administration should it want to come out openly and crush our national liberation movement, because we have time and again announced our intention to overthrow this puppet administration as a means to overthrow imperialist domination of our country. What we condemn, and what every honest and decent Filipino should condemn, is the screening of real motivations by the puppet administration behind the curtain of Mrs. Quezon's unfortunate death.

If only either Mrs. Quezon or her daughter were alive, she would be the first to condemn the foul use of the other's tragic fate by those interests who have nothing in common with the plain toiling masses, for whom Mrs. Quezon and her family had a profound sympathy. To set the record straight, it must now be announced (which for reasons of security could not be announced before) that Mrs. Quezon was one of the heavy and regular contributors of the Huks. Mrs. Quezon also threatened to expose the Quirino administration and the PC's

Something To Talk About

By Carolina Gonzalez-Guerrero

FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND

It is seldom we like to attend funerals, but last Friday's was a must in our list. We felt that the least we could do for people who have done so much and given so unselfishly was to attend their funeral and send a prayer up for their eternal peace. We know too well, that we were not the only ones who felt this way, in fact we were just a tiny speck in the sea of all those people who felt the way we did. There is no need to tell you further of the wonderful person that was Doña Aurora, that is a legend now. Let us tell you about Baby, who very often has been misunderstood by many. Only those close to her can be judge to her real self, and these include the YLAC girls, to whom she was inspiration and a leading hand. With these girls she spent the most part of her time, planning, ever planning so that they might raise more funds for the little tots they have in the many free YLAC schools in the Philippines.

It is true she had a temper, but then she would not have been half as nice if she had not had any. In spite of her young years Baby can be said to have led a full life, a life that gave her all the satisfaction she sought for. A full life, a life that gave her all personal happiness but the satisfaction found in bringing happiness to others by little acts of kindness which to her was second nature. She, as a woman had not yet stop to think of herself, upmost in her thoughts were the other people who unlike her had not had the good things in life. Yes, this was Baby, who for all

her look of a woman of domineering character, her outbursts of temper, had a warm heart inside her...a big kind heart, which endeared her to those who were fortunate enough to know her well. Very often with a sharp tongue, she however was a true and steadfast friend once she got to like you. She had few close friends, but the few she had each other. This, we have to create.

A day for her meant meetings with her YLAC girls, visits to their schools, and by way of relaxation, a game of bowling in the bowling alley she opened as a business venture in Quezon City.

We have yet to see a family as close as the Quezons were to each other. This, we have to credit to Doña Aurora, for as the saying goes "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world". There were no pampered, and spoiled brats in that family, each complemented the other. It is true that they had everything they wanted, (well, almost for what mortal being is ever fully content?) and this because they deserved it, their illustrious father saw to that. This is the very reason behind Baby's love for her work with the YLAC. She realized that not all had the good fortune that was her lot, and that is why she tried to make theirs a better lot too.

Knowing these we can understand, the tension that gripped those at the funeral last Friday. The YLAC felt cheated that they were not allowed to march behind her hearse all the way from Santo Tomas chapel to the North cemetery. For once this girls forgot their looks, they came with tear-stained faces, sans lipstick and powder. As the casket was being placed inside the niche, we saw Conching Price, Gin Mata, Benjie Joseph and a host of others burst unashamedly into tears. What moved as most was Lulu Reyes' gesture of farewell to her beloved friend. As the casket was disappearing into the niche she held on to it for one long second, as if embracing a dear friend, goodbye. For that was goodbye indeed.

for the atrocities which they committed against her peaceful tenants who were suspected of Huk sympathies. If there was less ruthlessness in the implementation of the imperialist-dictated mailed-fist policy, it was because of the influence of such a humanitarian citizen as Mrs. Quezon. Now the apologists and puppets of imperialism even have the cheek to lay the blame for Mrs. Quezon's death on the very group who owe so much to her humanitarianism.

No order and no word was ever issued by our organization that could be construed in any way to bring harm to her or to her family, much less to result in their deaths. A thorough investigation, however, has already been set in motion to determine the circumstances and the responsibility of the encounter. If our investigations (which are well-known among the peasant masses for their justice and impartiality) reveal any negligence or breach of the Hukbalahap Iron Discipline, punishment of any guilty party will be carried out swiftly and to limits of severity. There is no place in the revolutionary movement for acts against the people. They will not be tolerated in our organization nor in any organization that is related to the people's movement.

Let us be truthful and blunt. The mailed-fist policy, before the death of Mrs. Quezon, has reached its bankruptcy, forcing a popular clamor for its reversal. The imperialists and their puppets, always adept at tricks to mislead public opinion, are quick to create or utilize incidents to justify the continuance and even intensification of a policy which is already thoroughly discredited. Is it not rather miraculous that of the six occupants of Mrs. Quezon's car, only General Jalandoni should survive? Is it not also mysterious that Mrs. Quezon, having frequently travelled from Arayat to Baler without being molested, should now be waylaid precisely at a time when McNutt is here?

Let us accept the truth why there is no peace and order in our country. As long as imperialism and feudalism dominates our country, there will always be misery for the toiling masses which constitute 95% of our population. As long as such misery exists, there will always be a revolutionary movement, like the Huk national liberation movement which is attracting the most patriotic toiling masses, and there will always be bandits, who, out of desperation, and for lack of principles, will prey upon innocent citizens.

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Sporting, along with her father, fancy miniature ~~salacet~~, Baby Quezon expresses surprise upon opening box of belated gift

placed inconspicuously on buffet table by President Quezon at her 21st birthday party in 1940. Most sociable of the

Quezon children, Baby drew younger set to Palace, like Socialites Lulu Reyes and Susan Magalona (at her right), and

Trophy Ocampo. Baby took up law in Santo Tomas, where she graduated *summa cum laude* in 1948 graduation season.



In company of close friends, dressed here in little-girl attire at costume party (left), Doña Aurora found

Palace social life pleasant. Except for Mrs. Quirino (fourth from left) everybody mourned her death



With commentary by Dr. Victor Buencamino, whose son Philip was later to become Doña Aurora's son-in-

law, Palace social coterie mimics bottle-fed babes in skit put on for Doña Aurora and Malacañan crowd.

At parties, in terno or in pigtails, Dna. Aurora gave dignity to her rank

IF President Quezon had his official family solidly herded together, Mrs. Quezon had the ladies well-grouped in an exclusive circle that could have been the equivalent of the post-liberation kitchen cabinet. In well-appointed parties, Doña Aurora epitomized the dignity and charm of a true First Lady in this land. In small private gatherings, like the few

held in the privacy of the Palace social hall, she also demonstrated that she could enjoy herself as much and as freely, without giving up any of that dignity.

The informal group illustrated above, for instance, finds her in pigtails, puffed sleeves and baby sandals, getting into the spirit of a costume play presided over by Jorge B. Vargas.

It was a party that was thoroughly enjoyable without desecrating the sanctity of the people's palace. There were few occasions the guests (including Elpidio Quirino, Antonio Vasquez and Victor Buencamino and Mesdames Osmeña, Quirino, Vargas, Valdes and Luz) enjoyed more afterwards.



to giggling delight of Dofia Aurora, who earlier had appeared in two-person act with Jorge Vargas (top, opposite page) and

now a part of audience, Antonio Vasquez, who in real life is a doctor, cuts capers as he breezes into a room filled with

doll-playing "moppets" who, instead of getting scared of him, break into girlish laughter. Dofia Titay (Mrs. Sergio Osmeña) is the girl holding Charlie McCarthy; Dr. Vasquez used to be the late President Quezon's private surgeon.

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In spirit of First Ladies in other democratic nations, who when the occasion demanded must shift themselves as readily to the casual as to serious moods,

Dolores Aurora could enter into festive gaiety, as in this 1940 Christmas party, without appearing ludicrous, be lively without losing her stately poise.



Doña Aurora (center) liked to trot it from start to finish of parades, like the June 19th parade of 1941 in which she flou-

rished pennant bearing Philippine and American cross-flags. Partial to the Filipino dress, she was generally never without one.



Because they were her husband's political colleagues, these men were familiar Malacañan guests, with whose wives Doña

Aurora struck life-long friendships. Last Thursday, they were shocked to hear the death of a fair-or-foul weather friend.



At Palace receptions, Doña Aurora was a charming hostess, as suggested in this photo of her swapping lively repartees with her

guests. When, after her husband's death, she set up her home on Gilmore Ave., she still welcomed friends and ex-political enemies.



At Malacañan Park, the Quezons dined prominent visitors from foreign countries, like the Henry R. Lucas, who came over in

May 1941. When they took refuge in U.S. the Quezons were featured from time to time in Luce magazines, Time and Life.

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To the common people, such as make up this Guipit crowd of 1945, Quezon was a magic name. To a band of killers, last Thursday, Mayor Bernardo shouted that their would-be

victim was Mrs. Quezon. They went on shooting. No power of speech such as man on platform above tries to wield can excuse the crime, for not a few men wept over the incident.



At San Roque, Baliuag, Bulacan, one of the oldest bulwarks of Huks and PKM men, the crowd respond to query by government representative — if they wanted amnesty. In com-

pliance with such overwhelming affirmative, the government granted them reprieve. How their leaders took advantage then violated gentlemen's agreements is by now known history.

Huk, PC or Civilian— To Quezon he had no name

The men on this page were first in the heart of the great Quezon. They had no names; to him a *tao* was neither Huk, PC nor civilian—he was a friend. He took Malacañan to that friend frequently. He stayed in a Palace, rode in a limousine or sailed in a yacht, but he lived with them. At least, that was how he impressed his people. In him and his wife, the *tao* had two friends. When Quezon died, there was left only one. But his widow turned out to be the equivalent of two. Wherever she went—as a Red Cross manager, a church worker, a social representative, or merely a neighbor, she carried perpetually the memory of Quezon.

It was the biggest tragedy for the Philippines that one such *tao*, or group of *taos*, misguided, misdirected and crazed, ambushed her party and killed her, her daughter, her son-in-law, and nine others, and incidentally also killed the respect of her people for these elements.

If before, he was treated with gloves, now he is going to get an iron hand.



Lt. Col. Napoleon D. Valeriano (foreground) commander of the widely known Nenita unit of the PC which undertook campaigns in Mt. Arayat, at

the Naic mutiny, and in the Candaba swamps, is now in the ambush scene or thereabouts. Riding in his armored car, he leads a battalion of PC troops.



In the Sierra Madre mountains this month, last year, kids as young as 10 joined roving bands, proved they can handle their guns and cover the same terrain as expertly as their elder comrades. Overall com-

mander of the Laguna-Tayabas forces operating in this area are two youthful field officers, Majors Villegas and Flor. The five boys above belong to their group, are now within the pale of the law.



Six months ago, the Pandi cemetery bristled with rifles as CG's under the command of Capt. Mamerto Bernardo, covered the 61st PC battalion as the Moro outfit advanced on Kay Pombo

Huk installations. LEFT, few weeks before, civilians fled the Candaba area and took refuge in municipal buildings, well stocked up with food. White-shirted man at right is a newsmen.

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Three First Ladies collaborate on an American flag as the then President Roxas beams approvingly. It was the flag that was hauled down at the independence ceremonies. Each lady embroidered a star on the cloth. Mrs. Quezon, her hair

now silver; Mrs. Trinidad Roxas (center) and Mrs. Sergio Osmeña. At interment rites for Mrs. Quezon last Friday, Mrs. Roxas recalled to friends that "Manoling", died in the same month, under equally sudden circumstances.



Taking his oath before President Quirino as member of the Rome legation staff is Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III. Wife Nini, who just bore his second child, had to be told triple tragedy gradually. Nonong was told everything as soon as possible.



In her last birthday celebration, the grand old lady opens her gifts and grins widely at her many well-wishers. One of them is Mayor Ponciano Bernardo (second from left) who rode in same sedan with her that fatal day, fell victim to same assassins' bullets.



First manager of the Philippine National Red Cross, and indefatigable spirit behind its first independent million-peso fund campaign was Doña Aurora. At a radio broadcast shortly before President Roxas' death, she appealed for help, got her

first donation from the President himself. Mrs. Pilar Hidalgo Lim issued the first receipt. The flag at the PNRC headquarters (see next spread) was at half mast this week. She employed the widowed Nini as her secretary in her PNRC job.



Morning of Sunday, March 13, when this photo appeared in the Sunday Times Magazine, President Quirino called up Secretary Nepomuceno of Public Works, handed him a copy of STM with the photograph crossed and notated, "This

is an eyesore." In a few minutes, Baler had a grant of P30 thousand to build a permanent stonemarker for Quezon's birthplace. That stonemarker was to have been unveiled by Mrs. Quezon, in connection with the Baler town fiesta.



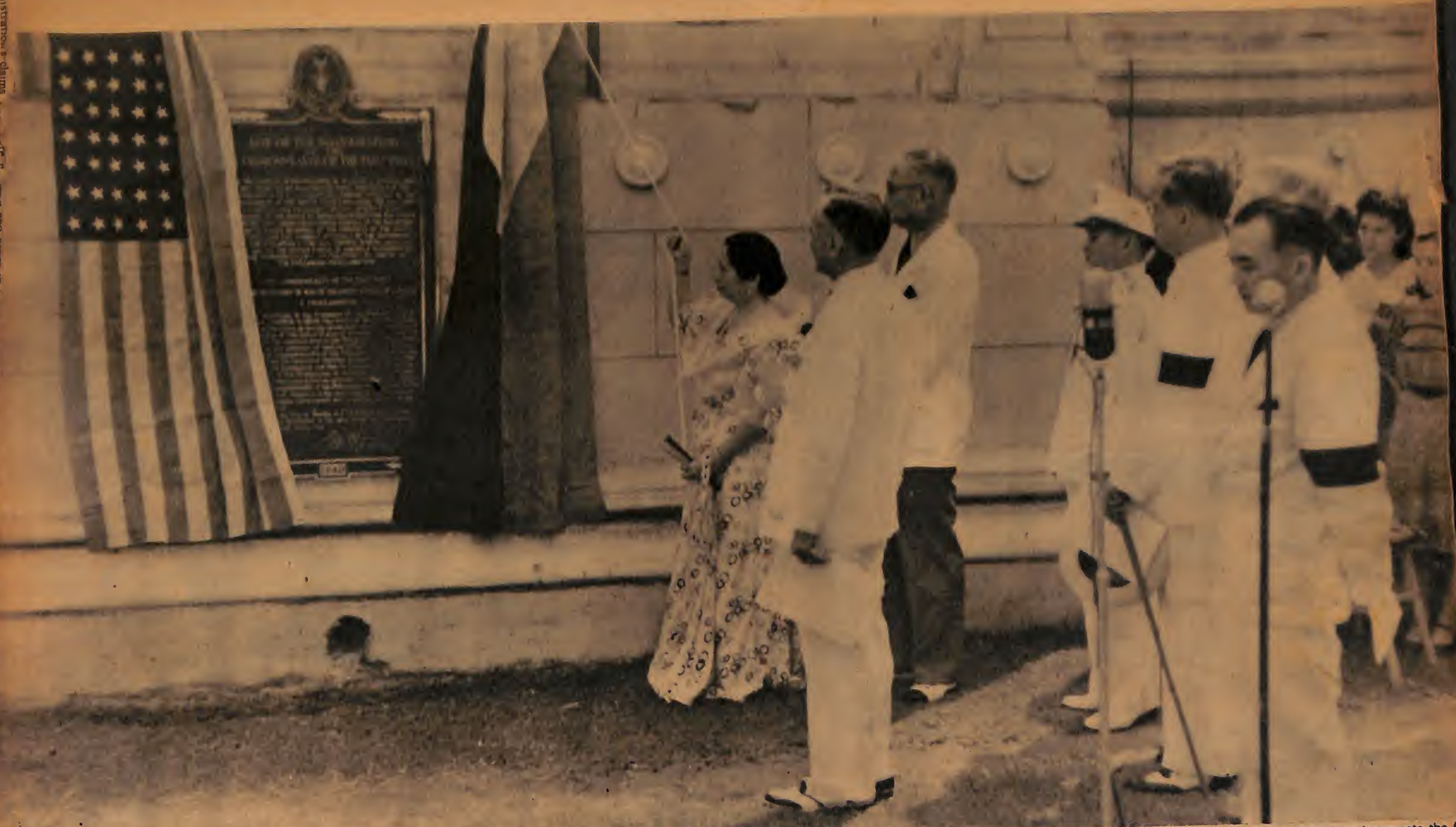
With the same energy for work as she had demonstrated in the Red Cross, Mrs. Quezon went into a lot of activities to please her friends. Above, she throws the first ball in a bowling inaugural. Below, she makes pilgrimage to Lipa Convent, returns home with petals.



One of a First Lady's most pleasant tasks is inspecting hospitals and finding all doctors, nurses and attendants in immaculate white. In this photo taken one year before the war, she

was accompanied by Vice-President Osmeña and the NGH staff. Left, she shares grandstand with President Roxas, Vice-Pres. Quirino, Mrs. Avelino, Mrs. Perez at Aug. 19 parade.

remains from the chapel altar (left photo) and the crowds who wanted to view closer the unopened caskets. In def-



Chief of Staff Rafael Jalandoni, she tugs at the ceremonial cord. When, on this same site seven years later, the Japanese flag was hoisted, many Filipinos wept and instinctively remembered the flight of their leader from Bataan to Washington.

The same flag which General Aguinaldo unfurled in Kawit to inaugurate the first Republic was then hoisted. At Quezon City, meanwhile, a Jap flag was hoisted down as Camp Murphy soldiers fired salvos, in honor of memory of fallen UP men.



This is the old nipa hut, framed between shade trees and fenced in by low poles, where Doña Aurora was born. About a block away, on a similarly sun-baked, dirt road in an equally inadequate shanty, her first cousin, President Quezon, was born.

Baby dreamed of death; Mrs. Quezon felt safe with her blessed petals

To unveil a stone marker on the spot where the wooden cross appears in photo at left, Mrs. Quezon undertook that fatal motor drive to Baler last Thursday. It was a taxing and dangerous journey: 168 kilometers of bad road through several Huk lairs. But she didn't mind; she had been on longer motor trips. Except for the dust which bothered her, she felt perfectly safe; for in her bag that morning she carried fresh rose petals from Lipa blessed two days previous by the Mother Superior of the convent. Such was the energy and the faith of Mrs. Quezon that she died fully endowed with both.

Baby Aurora was not as strong. To her YLAC friends before she went on the trip, she bade goodbye, "to go to Huk land and rest in peace." She had been dreaming continually of her father, she confessed, and she was troubled. You pray, pray for him, urged her mother. "Maybe," persisted Baby, "I'm going to see him soon. I'd better get my insurance straightened out."

Her mother had no time for jokes like that. Since Don Manuel died, she had learned to keep herself so busy that she would have no idle moment for morbid thoughts. She was in almost every social service in town, establishing such a difficult precedence for former First Ladies of the Land.



to the wishes, expressed often in her last years, of Baby Quezon, the caskets remained closed. Not even Nonong or Nini, the last two Quezon children, could see the dead. All they knew was that a Red Cross banner draped

President Quirino leads nation in paying homage to



While his political enemies made capital of the ambush as a denial of the administration's claims that there is peace and order in Central Luzon, President Quirino (with Nonong, middle photo) rushed down from Baguio



to mourn at the bier of Doña Aurora. Breaking tradition, he helped bear her remains from the chapel altar (left photo) and rubbed elbows with the crowds who wanted to view closer the unopened caskets. In deference



their mother's remains, while Girl Scouts stood vigil over Baby's and Philip's (extreme right).

One of the most striking figures in church early Friday morning

was cut by the widow of President Roxas. Clothed and veiled in pure black, Doña Trining (opposite page) quietly prayed by the side of a faithful friend, former Miss Philippines Clarita Tankiang, before the Quezon caskets.



Meanwhile, as condolences poured in from all over the world, President Quirino was determined to meet the dissidents with an iron fist, perhaps reflecting what Gen. Duque said, "They should be killed one by one."

Close friends and kinfolk break into tears over the Quezon bier



If the intimate friends and relatives of Mrs. Quezon were shocked to speechlessness over the news of her death, they broke into tears unreservedly when the casket containing her remains was being laid in its final

resting place in the North Cemetery. The feeling that they had lost her—
and definitely—was just beginning to sink in.

She had always been sympathetic. Never had she turned a deaf ear



to their many problems, in the same way that she had listened to others, among whom were the widows of war veterans.

As Foreign Undersecretary Felipe Neri had said of her, "the indefatig-



ent's returning to American communities and our emissaries to cover the tragic death of a Quizon in a fire here last afternoon. Quizon grew up at Park.

The orations were by Jose M. Cariño, Mayor of Manila; Herold, Mrs. Mariamor Jose, of the University of Virginia; Olexa, of the University of Baguio College; Francisco, of the University of Salavosa; Allie, of the University of Manila; and the humanist, Mrs. Quizon, Dr. Quizon, and the Quizon family, who represented half of the Quizon Aside from the program included the public of the hymn "God To Thee," sung by Mrs. Nella Mar. The Quizon group of nearly a dozen Mrs. Quizon in Lourdes.

Minister Teodoro Sales wrote The Secretary of the State Affairs expressed the opinion of the Chief of State of his government the personnel of Quizon in the Philippines.

Edward Rogers, and to our loved friend, who has been laid to rest in the City of the Living Dead, the Philippines, for his brilliant and colorful life. We hope that he will be able to find some other corner he can call home, where he will be able to find some other corner he can call home, where he will be able to find some other corner he can call home.



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appointed task, though, had not made her neglectful of those closer to her, and that, perhaps, was what made them feel their weight heavier. But they were not alone in their grief. Across the Pacific, people



who had known and come to like Mrs. Quezon much more than mere acquaintanceship warrants, equally mourn her passing away and condemn in no uncertain terms the person or persons who were responsible for it.

Shocked at the massacre, throngs line up streets to watch cortege



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evoked a sympathy and grief that welled up in them with the realization that not even a lovable figure, the widow of a late beloved, was free from insecurity. Calloused by the nasty experience of war, cynical over daily



news reports about calendar-long list of killings, they found a spot in their hearts for the woman who, to them, had always been a First Lady of the Land. But if they had offered a prayer for her, it was not necessarily



out of sheer devotion. It might just as well be a kind of wistful prayer for themselves, and for the nation whose foundations laid by Quezon had been cracking to the noise of Congress disputes and unlicensed firearms.

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MAYOR BERNARDO LAID TO REST.—Photo above shows a large crowd of national and municipal officials, members of the family and friends attending the last rites for Mayor Ponciano A. Bernardo at the Cementerio del Norte yesterday morning. The Mayor was one of the 12 victims of the massacre in Bongabon last Thursday. Memorial rites were held at the Quezon City Hall where officials extolled the life of the late mayor and engineer of Quezon City.

Pampanga Governor Lauds Mrs. Quezon

Special to The MANILA TIMES
SAN FERNANDO, May 1.—Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon was the greatest Filipino woman who ever lived, declared Governor Jose B. Lingad today during a Labor Day celebration here. The Philippines lost its foremost social worker, he said, whose influence not only contributed greatly to the success of her husband's administration but also towards the social justice program.

Lingad condemned the Huk's mania for criminal ruthlessness which he said was responsible for Mrs. Quezon's death as well as the death of hundreds of people in central Luzon. He mentioned the recent massacre of the Garcia family in his hometown, Lubao, where an entire household was killed, including a young mother in the family way and a five-year-old girl.

Advocating martial law in places where Huk's commit depredations, Lingad vigorously condemned Luis Taruc, pinning on him the responsibility of so much human slaughter. Had Taruc surrendered during the amnesty, he said, the peasants would now be leading peaceful and productive lives.

Lingad defended the present administration, whose social justice program, he pointed out, leads to the amelioration of the condition of the masses. He vigorously condemned communism, stating that it seeks to enslave the peasants.

Other Labor Day speakers were former Acting Governor Artemio Macalino, Atty. Jose Baltazar, and Rev. Fr. M. Sunga. Secretary Sotero Baluyut was represented by Mrs. Baluyut who crowned the Labor Day Queen.—I.

Special to the MANILA TIMES
BAGUIO, May 1.—Baguio residents including members of the American community here turned out enmasse to offer sympathy over the tragic death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon in necrological services held this afternoon at the Quezon groto above Burnham Park.

The orators included Mayor Jose M. Cariño, Mrs. Elmer W. Herold, Mrs. Mat Nivera, Vice-Mayor Virginia Oteya de Guia and Baguio College President Benjamin Salvosa. All the speakers extolled the humanitarian work of Mrs. Quezon. Dr. Teodoro C. Arvisu thanked the speakers in behalf of the Quezon family.

Aside from the orations the program included singing by the public of the hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee," and a vocal solo by Mrs. Nelia Manalo Concordia. The Quezon groto was the scene of yearly novenas sponsored by Mrs. Quezon in honor of Saint Lourdes.

Minister Teodomiro Aguilar y Salas wrote the Secretary of Foreign Affairs expressing the condolence of the Chief of the Spanish State of his government and the entire personnel of the Spanish legation in the Philippines.

Minister Aguilar's letter of condolence reads in part: "In this hour of bereavement of the Filipino nation due to the misfortune that has just befallen her, I hasten to convey to Your Excellency, to your government, and to your people the expression of the sincerest condolence of the Chief of the Spanish State, of its government and the entire personnel of the Spanish legation in the Philippines which I represent."

"Please accept Your Excellency this manifestation of sympathy coming from the bottom of our hearts, together with the renewal of the assurances of my highest and distinguished consideration."

Minister Aguilar conveyed the following message of the Minister of Foreign Relations of Spain, Martin Artajo, to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs: "In the name of the Spanish Government and in my own, I request Your Excellency to express to the President of the Philippines, to his government, to the Filipino people, and to the bereaved family our deepest and heartiest condolences on the brutal assassination of the widow and daughter of the illustrious Filipino patriot, Manuel Quezon, and we fraternally share in the bereavement of the Philippines in such a misfortune."

PC Seal Sierra Madre Exits Of Dissidents

Special to The MANILA TIMES
LUCENA, Quezon, May 1.—While a punitive operation against the murderers of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and 11 others is in full swing at the Bongabong-Baler border, constabulary forces in this province were alerted since Friday following information that the Huk's were seen retreating toward the Sierra Madre mountain. Units of constabulary men in full war dress were dispatched to strategic places of possible Huk exits while additional force were alerted for a possible reinforcement.

The Quezon provincial commander and members of his staff held a conference and discussed plans of operations within this province after receiving a general order from the PC headquarters in Manila "for an all out drive against the dissidents."

Governor Gregorio Santayana issued an appeal among his province-mates to keep calm and give their faith to the government. Aroused by the indignation of Quezon populace against the brutal massacre of their most beloved "mother" (Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon), Gov. Santayana said that "government forces are now combing the vicinity of the ambush and the momentarily apprehension of the burderers is expected."

Santayana also appealed to Quezon people for a complete unity now that the province have lost her benefactors. He said that this is the time for Quezon people to rally behind their remaining leaders and "avoid party lines for the sake of the province's welfare." He urged Quezon people to be "solid" and stand for the prestige of the late Pres. Quezon.

Meanwhile, an intensive screening among "visitors" of Lucena was urged by a provincial official who believed that "communist spies" are operating in the town. This official who want his identity withheld said the he notice unfamiliar faces of Chinese nationalities who are not here for business are openly in town maybe gathering information for the communist army.—RCM.

Perez Guest Orator At San Agustin Death Rites

Speaker Eugenio Perez heads the list of speakers at the memorial ceremonies of Colonels Antonio San Agustin and Primitivo San Agustin, and Lt. Deogracias Arabejo, three of the victims of the Quezon ambush Thursday. The services will be held at the the Funeraria Nacional at 6 p.m. today, Monday.

Other speakers are Judge Antonio Quirino, Gen. Macario Peralta, Jr., Col. Amado N. Bautista, manager of the National Development Company, Maj. Ferdinand Marcos, and Lt. Col. Fred Ruiz Castro.

At 7 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, a mass will be held at the Espiritu Santo church after which the funeral cortege will proceed to the North Cemetery. An AFP escort guard will accompany the remains.

General And Mrs. MacArthur Join In Mourning Mrs. Quezon's Death

(By Associated Press) General and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur have extended their deepest sympathy to members of the Quezon family. The text of the message received yesterday said in part:

"We loved your mother and sister and fully share sorrow at their death. There will be universal horror and regret throughout the world for this profound tragedy to a family whose greatness is infinitely stamped on its country's history."

The message was addressed to Manuel Quezon, Jr., and Mrs. Felipe Buencamino III.

BUENOS AIRES, April 30.—(UP)—Philippine Minister Narciso Ramos said the criminal ambush which took the life of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon "is an isolated case perpetrated by a small band of armed bandits."

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(UP)—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy said he had sent President Quirino the following cable:

"I am painfully shocked and distressed by what had happened to Mrs. Quezon who was respected and revered throughout the islands and by many friends in this country. The wholesome influence of her fine character and wise counsel was widely felt both inside and outside government circles. The Filipino people have lost a great and cherished friend. Affectionately, Frank Murphy."

Judge Manuel Camus, president of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, wrote the following to Mrs. Zenaida Quezon Buencamino: Mrs. Buencamino:

"Words fail us, the shock of tragic loss is yet too immediate, even as the voice of the nation is muted. For my part, and in behalf of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, I can only proffer at this moment our sincerest and most profound sympathy in this your hour of deep bereavement."

The board of directors of the Manila Railroad Co., has sent a resolution of condolence to the surviving children of the late Mrs. Aurora Quezon.

Mrs. Quezon, the resolution reads, through her "philanthropic, generous and sympathetic attitude and through her service to humanity became not only a national but also an international figure who had gained the affection of all the people of the Philippines."

The resolution further gave acknowledgment to the contribution of her late husband, President Manuel L. Quezon, in making the Manila Railroad what it is today, that he helped acquired the company from foreign interests for the benefit of Philippine agriculture, commerce and industry and that during this lifetime he had always extended his official and personal support to the company.

Copies of the resolution were sent to Mrs. Zenaida Buencamino, to Manuel Quezon Jr., surviving children, and to other members of the Quezon family.

The Red Cross the world over, after recovering from the initial shock caused by the sudden death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, Philippine National Red Cross chairman, yesterday made vocal its grief in cablegrams received by the PNRC from the International Red Cross committee and the League of Red Cross societies.

The International Red Cross committee said it was "deeply shocked by the most sad news of the sudden death of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her daughter. Express to your society its feelings of warmest sympathy. We share with you the loss created by this tragic disappearance of your distinguished chairman."

R. Le Rouge, secretary-general of the League of Red Cross societies, declared "the Red Cross world has heard with profound sorrow of the tragic deaths of your chairman Mrs. Quezon and her daughter. Please convey to members of the Philippine Red Cross and of the Quezon family the sincere condolences of the league and its member societies."

A resolution of condolence for the "heart-rending death" of Mrs. Aurora Quezon which is a "great loss to the nation and to the world," was passed yesterday by the Bureau of Plant Industry field personnel in convention.

A copy of the resolution was sent to Mrs. Zenaida Buencamino, daughter of Mrs. Quezon.

BACOLOR, Pampanga, April 29.—Acting governor Artemio Macalino led the province in expressing profound grief over the death of the Quezons. The province is indignant over the atrocities.

Collegiate students of the Guagua National Institute late yesterday afternoon suspended classes and instead recited one-minute prayer for the repose of the souls of the Quezons. Delegations, mostly from Arayat called the Quezons "second home", left for Manila this morning to take part in the Quezon funeral. The Quezon owned the famous Kaleidian farm in Arayat which was sold a few months ago to the Republic to be used for experiment purposes on President Quirino's social amelioration program.

SAN FERNANDO, Pamp., April 29.—The province of Pampanga expressed surprise, shock and indignation today over the massacre of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, her daughter "Baby", her son-in-law Philip III, and other members of the Quezon party yesterday.

Acting Governor Artemio Macalino wired his condolence to surviving members of the family this morning, expressing his grief over the tragedy.

Col. Benjamin Santillan, provincial commander here, has ordered all PC units to remain on the alert. Reports said that the river towns of this province, including Macabebe, Masantol, San Luis, San Simon Apalit and Candaba are closely guarded in case of dissident infiltration.

The town of Apalit is particularly well guarded, in view of the recent killing of six policemen by dissident elements.

Special to The MANILA TIMES BATANGAS, April 29.—Batangas people expressed profound shock at the mass slaying of Mrs. Aurora Quezon and others and join the rest of the nation in mourning.

Governor Feliciano Leviste and other officials expressed their sorrow in the form of a resolution of condolence passed by the provincial board.

The Philippine flag was lowered at half-mast.

Special to The MANILA TIMES BAGUIO, April 29.—The city council today passed a resolution of condolence on the death of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Miss Maria Aurora Quezon and Philip Buencamino III, Doña Aurora's son-in-law.

The city officials headed by Mayor Jose Carifo will hold memorial rites on May 3 in connection with the governors' and city mayors' convention set here from May 3 to 6. The Red Cross chapter will take part in the services.

President Quirino is scheduled to open the convention. Fifty governors and 20 mayors are expected to attend.

Those present at this morning's session of the council included City Engineer Eduardo de los Santos, City Auditor Rafael Usón, Vice Mayor Virginia de Guia, Councilor Luis C. Castro, Judge Generoso Buendia, City Fiscal Sixto Domondon, Chief Maximo Cavaed, Gaudencio Fatony of the Bureau of Lands, Assistant City Treasurer Pantaleon Pimentel.

Special to The MANILA TIMES DACEPAN, April 25.—News heard over the radio of the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Quezon, Miss Baby Quezon and Mrs. Quezon's son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III and other members of the party spread here like wild fire.

Condemnation of the attack was general in the province. Mayor Angel B. Fernandez expressed profound sorrow over the death of the Quezon family.

10 Huks Slain In Clash With PC

MALOLOS, May 1.—Ten Huks under "Commander Ibarra" were killed while several others were wounded during the last two days as four companies of PC mopped up fleeing dissidents around Mt. Buasaw, near Angat. The PC companies were led by Major Crispino de Castro Capt. Rafael Sagala.

Meanwhile, patrols have been guarding approaches to the following towns: San Miguel, Norzagaray, Pandi, Santa Maria, San Jose, Belmonte and Angat along the Sierra Madre range.

Col. Liberato Litaua, northern Luzon zone commander, announced before leaving for the Nueva Ecija front yesterday that Bulacan PCs may be needed in connections with operations in Nueva Ecija.

Congressmen Alejo Santos and Florante Roque yesterday expressed opposition to the move to disarm civilian guards, during the inauguration of the PC headquarters here. Santos and Roque discounted the numerical strength of the Huks, but admitted that they employ hit-and-run tactics, necessitating vigilance and the presence of patrols everywhere. They both believe that this province should get more arms to defend itself against dissident depredations.

Commenting on the statement of Huk supremo Luis Taruc on the massacre of Mrs. Quezon and 11 others Thursday, government officials including Secretary of Health Antonio Villarama, Governor Halili and Fiscal Angeles said that the ambush was "beyond question" made up of Huks. These officials also said that Mrs. Quezon must have contributed to the Huk movement under duress.

Blames Bandits For Quezon Murder

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—(UP)—Manila Police Inspector Isaias Alma Jose declared that Mrs. Manuel Quezon and party were slain by bandits and not by Hukbalahaps.

Alma Jose is attending the University of California on scholarship and studying the police methods of the San Francisco police department.

He said Mrs. Quezon was "a grand old lady."

"She always was very informal," he added "and well liked by all, including the Huks."

Inspector Alma Jose was a personal bodyguard of Mrs. Quezon while her late husband was first president of the Philippines.

Radio News

In honor of the memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, the Institute of National Language will dedicate its regular weekly radio program over station DZEM at 6:15 this evening, featuring Francisco Santiago's "Doña Aurora," to be sung by a pupil of Mercedes Matias Santiago.

Mrs. Consuelo Perez will be special guest, by whose courtesy the program has been made possible.

Mass In Memory Of Mrs. Quezon Celebrated In Washington

WASHINGTON, May 1.—(UP)—Carlos Romulo and Mrs. Romulo had a requiem mass celebrated here at noon in memory of Mrs. Quezon and the members of her party. Members of the Philippine community and the embassy attended.

Mrs. Richard Cartwright officiated at the mass which was held in St. Matthews Cathedral where the embassy has scheduled another requiem service for Mrs. Quezon for Tuesday. This was the cathedral where memorial services were held for the late President Manuel Roxas shortly after his death.

Romulo, who left the Philippines only a few hours before the incident, reached Washington Friday night. He said he had not been informed officially whether Philippine authorities had been able to determine the identity of the guilty parties, but called the killings "a heinous crime."

The Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations returned to New York to be on hand for United Nations sessions which resumed Monday.

He is chairman of an ad hoc committee which will consider whether to admit Israel to the

United Nations. He had declined to say what position the Philippines will take on Israel.

Romulo said he had received a number of expressions of condolence from eminent individuals on Mrs. Quezon's death which he is forwarding to President Quirino.

Among them were messages from the head of the Australian delegation to the United Nations and President of the General Assembly Herbert Evatt; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt; Roy W. Howard, editor of Scripps Howard newspapers and long time friend of the Quezons; Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of New York Times; Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York City; Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York; Mrs. Harry B. Hawes and several members of the diplomatic corps, including the Spanish, Ceylon and Korean embassies.

(In New York Romulo's office said in view of Philippine national mourning Romulo's scheduled May 6 reception for United Nations delegates will be postponed.)

Warns Against Discord, Cites Achievements

Condemns Using Of Quezon Tragedy For Political Ends

Addressing a crowd made up mostly of labor elements gathered in front of the legislative building on P. Burgos street after the Labor Day parade yesterday afternoon, President Elpidio Quirino recited the achievements of his administration and called for unity and cooperation in order to push through his economic and social amelioration program.

He also dwelt on the massacre of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon and her party by enjoining the people to refrain from making political of the tragedy.

"The greatest danger to the country today is disunion," he said, as he urged unity not only among labor ranks, but of the entire nation.

The President retracted a previously published statement quoting him as saying that peace and order has been restored by him throughout the archipelago.

"I have not said that this country is peaceful everywhere; that there is peace and order in this country. I want you to go out and see for yourselves," he said, adding "That there were killings here and killings there is true. When Abraham Lincoln, the greatest President of the United States was assassinated, the whole country of the United States was not agog, feeling that there was national disorder. That was just an act of irresponsible men. When there is a killing here and a killing there, it is not because the government is not functioning normally. As long as the police and the armed forces are here to watch the security of the country, any untoward, miraculous incident or accident cannot alter the situation of our national institution."

President Quirino in effect minimized the undue uneasiness and apprehension over troubles occasioned by the Quezon tragedy, although he has called it one of the greatest disgraces that ever befell the nation.

He said that anybody making political capital out of this national disgrace is seeking to slacken the name of the Republic.

"Those who would rejoice or are giving unjustifiable excuse for the murder perpetrated within our time and set the blame on the administration are simply aligned with those who are bent on robbing us for our name in their eagerness to align themselves with some foreign power," the President said, apparently referring to statements made by acknowledged Communist elements here.

He further said that these elements are the fifth horsemen of the Apocalypse who want to flaunt that this government is tottering merely because one or two of the people have been determined to blot the name of the country.

President Quirino dwelt in the first half of his speech on the achievement and the work of his administration, pointing out chiefly the social security measures that he is preparing, and the creation of the labor-management board.

An incident that amused the crowd happened when Jose Nava, Iloilo labor leader and a member of the labor-management board, who was supposed to present a huge oil painting of Quirino as the gift of the Iloilo labor unions to the President, forgot to do so, and took his seat after delivering brief remarks without mentioning anything about the gift which was propped on the table before the President.

Reminded of the gift and his principal mission of delivering it, after he had taken his seat, Nava rose again, and made the formal offer.

Acknowledging the present, President Quirino thanked labor for its expression of goodwill. He then proceeded with his speech by first listing his achievements for labor. He mentioned the labor-management board which he said was created to advise him on the solution of problems affecting labor and capital relations.

He cited the social security study commission headed by Mrs. Asuncion Perez which has drafted bills designed to ameliorate labor conditions. Among the bills recommended by this body are the old age and retirement insurance and the standardization of labor wages based on regional factors and considerations. The commission is still busy with other labor bills, he said.

President Quirino reiterated his economic and industrial activities, many of which were blueprinted during President Manuel Roxas' time.

the laborers, decided we must join. We are forgetting our duties but our rights, he said. "Is there any one here who celebrates this Day at home? We honor you, said the speaker, and we honor the thousands of you, scattered all over the Day. It is fine enough that we are guests of our beloved president (Mrs. Baltimore Ramme) but we ourselves should honor this Day, dedicated to the welfare of labor."

Exclusive Ambuscade Photos In This Issue



THE tragic spot on the Bongabon-Baler highway where the Quezon party was ambushed while on its way to Baler to attend the unveiling ceremonies of the marker on the birthspot of the late President Quezon. PC officers point to spot where Quezons met death. Crosses mark bloodstains. Gun emplacements were hidden in the vegetation to the right. (More photos on page 8.)



DOMINGO LAWAG (extreme right), Bongabon-Baler road foreman, tells newsmen the ambuscade was intended for President Quirino and other high government officials who were originally scheduled to join the Quezon party. Lawag and 70 others were detained by a Huk gang at a spot 300 meters from the ambush scene.



COL. Napoleon Valeriano, Nenita unit skipper, holding a map showing the Sierra Madre terrain, goes into a huddle with Col. Angel Magallanes and other PC officers as they map out their punitive expedition. (Photos by Nisapia)

More Photos On Ambuscade



NUEVA ECIJA Gov. Juan O. Chloco points to the bullet-ridden car in which Mrs. Quezon, her daughter, Baby, and son-in-law, Philip Buencamino III, met death.



INSIDE VIEW of Mrs. Quezon's car, where Baby Quezon was found dead under the steering wheel. Note bloodstains on the seat.



PC SOLDIERS leave in armored car for the scene of the ambuscade.

road had been just wide enough for one car to pass at a time. On one hand the wooded mountains jutted to the skies; on the other, it fell down a sheer 30-meter precipice, with not a row of tooth-picks on the edge to lend the inexperienced mountain-climber moral support.

And now we were in the sad, desolate place where taking Huk gunfire Thursday morning had snuffed out the lives of 12, including that of the country's most beloved woman national figure.

We had hardly a view of the place in the fading daylight—an elevated spot with dense tropic woods and ravines around and tree-crowned knolls pushing into the clouds. Except for "upstairs" you could hardly see more than a hundred yards in any direction—and "upstairs" was a good direction to look at, with the thoughts we had in mind.

this May and may continue even after the close of regular congress sessions on May 20, he said.

Villareal noted that several dailies have been "directly encouraging" dissidents because of their "over-exercise" of press rights.

The CUFA chairman cited publication of letters of Luis Taruc, alleged Huk supreme, which shifted blame for the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and 11 others from his followers to the administration itself.

Committee members recalled that Taruc is a Huk escapist and bandit charged with multiple murder. Anyone who deals with him, even by way of receiving messages from couriers and publishing them, may be held as accessory to the crime of aiding and abetting a criminal in eluding the arm of the law, they stressed.

on the floor under the steering wheel beside Col. Antonio San Agustin, who was driving the car.

Philip, when found, was conscious and had to be assured that the party who took him to the provincial hospital were not Huk, but the rescuers.

To the very last, Philip insisted that the attackers were Huks. He still had the rosary in his hand.

The final push against Viernes and his men is expected momentarily with the capture of a ten-year-old Huk courier, Dominador Pascua, a resident of barrio Siklong, Bongabon.

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IN MEMORIAM

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP).—Three Filipino Jesuit priests will eulogize Mrs. Manuel Quezon; her daughter, Maria Aurora, and son-in-law, Felipe Buencamino III, in a requiem high mass on May 3. Fr. Francisco Araneta is scheduled to officiate at the services at St. Matthews cathedral. Fr. Cicerio Cebrero and Fr. Jaime Ner will assist.

ISOLATED CASE—RAMOS

BUENOS AIRES, May 1 (UP).—Philippine Minister Narciso Ramos said the criminal ambush which took the life of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon "is an isolated case perpetrated by a small band of armed bandits."

"It does not imply relaxation of peace and order in the Philippines," he said. "The Philippine government is completely in control of the situation."

NOT HUKS, VIEW

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"WANTON, POINTLESS"

NEW YORK, May 1 (UP).—"Americans who respect the memory of Manuel L. Quezon, first president of the Philippines and symbol of the dauntless fight his countrymen waged against the Japanese invaders, will be shocked at the brutal slaying of his widow, his daughter and his son-in-law in the mountains north of Manila," a Herald-Tribune editorial said.

"The tragedy seems so wanton and pointless, whatever the motives of the killers," the editorial continued. "It can only intensify the determination of the government to suppress the movement which caused the crime."

Of Mrs. Quezon, the editorial said:

"The great crowd of mourners which gathered for her funeral procession was eloquent testimony to her position in the hearts of her people," and added that "the United States will share in the sorrow of the Philippines and hope that the young republic will soon be able to stamp out the forces which threaten it."

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WARING, MURPHY REGRET

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP).—Regret at the Quezon slayings was expressed Friday by Philippines War Damage Commission Chairman Frank Waring and by Associate Justice Frank Murphy of the supreme court, former Philippines high commissioner.

"I deeply regret the Quezon killing," Waring said. "I had the greatest admiration for her."

Justice Murphy sent the following telegram to President Quirino:

"I am painfully shocked and distressed by what has happened. My heartfelt sympathy goes to members of the Quezon and other families bereaved by this outrage. As the beloved wife of the former president, Mrs. Quezon was respected and revered throughout the Islands and by many friends in this country. The wholesome influence of her fine character and wise counsel was widely felt both inside and outside government circles. The Philippine people have lost a great and cherished friend."

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"WITH GRIEF, HORROR"

NEW YORK, May 1 (AP).—The Times editorialized today that news of the ambush killing of three members of the Quezon family and nine others in the Philippines was received in the United States "with grief, horror and disappointment."

"Our deep sympathy goes out to the Filipinos in this grievous loss," the Times said "and with

it our hope that the lawless aftermath of the cruel days of the war may soon come to an end."

Grief-Stricken Bulacan People Offer Hands For Punitive Drive

MALOLOS, Bulacan, May 2, (ENS).—Grief-stricken over the death of Mrs. Quezon the people of Bulacan have indicated they will lend all-out support to the government's anti-Huk drive and some have even offered to join the punitive expedition now combing the jungle, of Nueva Ecija for the murderers of the venerable Red Cross mother.

Civilian volunteers numbering no less than 2,000 in this province have placed themselves at the disposal of the government authorities for whatever service they may lend to avenge the murder of Mrs. Quezon.

Constabulary servicemen in this province, already embittered over the Huk ambush of a patrol of the 91st PC company in Angat on April 27, are much more resolved to fight against the dissidents without any letup.

Four men were killed by Huks in that ambush attack in Buasaw forest, Angat: Cpls Mariano Aquino, Alberto Daraua, Ramon Beltran, and a civilian guide, Juan Andres. Wounded were: Lt. Jesus Carillo, Cpl. Pelagio Dunga, Pvt. Bernardo Nicol, and guide Teodoro Zafra. The constabulary patrol was under the command of Lt. Jovito Pesayco.

The Huk attackers were identified as belonging to a unit under the command of 'Ibarra.'

Four constabulary companies were immediately dispatched to the scene of the ambush, the 88th, 90th, 91st and 2nd under the command of Capt. Rafael Zagala. They pounded Huk positions in Mounts Tabernaculo, Butarero, Karunsu, and hills in the vicinity of the Angat mines.

As soon as the news of the ambush attack on Mrs. Quezon's party was known, the 89th company under Capt. Bonifacio Coting rushed from its station in San Miguel to the Bulacan-Nueva Ecija border to plug any exit route which the murderers may utilize should they attempt an escape to the Sierra Madre mountains in Bulacan.

Mayor Francisco Illescas of Angat ordered the evacuation of barrios Laog, Baybay, Banaban, Pulong Sampalok and Binagbag, as a precaution against a flareup of fighting in the Angat mountains.

Meanwhile, Alfredo Alba, a member of the civilian volunteer forces in Malolos, was taken for questioning by the Guiguinto police in connection with the murder of a fellow volunteer, Arsenio Diaz. Police reported Alba confessed to participation in the killing.

Hagonoy Mayor Dominador Catalig was boosted by Bulacan mayors to fill the vacant seat in the provincial board left by the deceased Francisco Santos.

Bernardo, Payumo Laid To Rest

Mayor Ponciano Bernardo of Quezon City, one of the victims in the ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party Thursday in Nueva Ecija, was laid to rest in the North cemetery at 12:25 a.m. yesterday.

Pedro Payumo, cook and chauffeur for the Quezons who also was a victim of the Huk sneak attack, was interred at 4 p.m. Saturday in the North cemetery.

Ranking officials of the Republic and Quezon City and top brass of the United States army led the thousands who paid last tribute to the QC mayor.

Eight speakers eulogized Bernardo during the two-hour necrological services held at the new

city hall along Highway 54. Among the speakers were Rep. Tomas B. Morato of Quezon, Juan M. Arellano, former Justice Manuel Lim, Dr. Bienvenido Gonzalez, Judge Ceferino de los Santos, Acting QC Mayor Gregorio B. Roxas, Interior Undersecretary Marciano Roque, and Primo Villar of the bureau of public works.

Among those who joined the Payumo funeral cortege were ranking employees of the executive office of Malacañan, including Manuel Agudo, Arturo Gonzales, Manuel Zamora, Jose del Rosario, Leon Clemente, the President's motorcycle squad and Malacañan chauffeurs, companions of Payumo.

The Jao Speaks

(NOTE: Views expressed in this column are those of the writers and do not reflect ours. Contributors are requested to give their correct names and addresses but these names may be withheld from publication upon request.)

SHOCKING TRAGEDY

MARCELO R. BOBIER, 7th Avenue, Grace Park, Caloocan, Rizal.—The ambush of Mrs. Quezon's party between Nueva Ecija and Quezon by dissidents in which the illustrious lady and her daughter "Baby" Quezon were among the murder victims is indeed shocking to the Filipino people. This tragedy will not only arouse the people with a feeling of resentment towards those who perpetrated the crime; the people will also point accusing fingers towards the present administration for its apparent inability to restore peace and order in the troubled areas in Central Luzon.

Now that the ambush and the death of Mrs. Quezon and other high officials is a proven fact, I call upon the honorable officials concerned in the House of the Representatives and the Philippine Senate to stop their "apalachicola" and "guaracha show" and come out collectively and work for the problems that confront the newly born Republic.

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CALL FOR TRUTH

JULIAN C. CARGULLO, UM, Manila.—The recent tragedy in Quezon Province is an indignant answer of "No!" against President Quirino's declaration that peace and order reigns in the country today. Was Governor Chloco wrong and PC Chief Alberto Ramos right when both gave their versions on the nation's peace and order problem at one time? Let the truth prevail above all else. Let the country's leaders understand that the people demand a clear-cut report which though painful to those concerned for political prestige do not give tragic results. It is high time that all "white-washings," "railroadings," "puppetry" and "optimistic signs" must stop otherwise the people will continue suffer.

Institute Honors Mrs. Quezon Tonight

In honor of the memory of Mrs. Aurora A. Quezon, the Institute of National Language will dedicate its regular weekly radio program over station DZFM at 6:15 p.m. today featuring Francisco Santiago's "Dona Aurora," to be sung by a pupil of Mercedes Matias Santiago. Mrs. Consuelo Perez will be a special guest, by whose courtesy the progress has been made possible.

A resolution of condolence passed by the board of the INL last Saturday will be read. Mrs. Beatriz P. Ronquillo, member of the INL and president of the Women's International league, will speak, together with Director Cirio H. Panganiban of the Institute of National Language.

Others in the program are Mrs. Iluminada M. de Leon, Mrs. E. Guzman, Misses Milagros Bernardo and Lusing Guzman, with Pablo R. Glorioso as master of ceremonies.

Ambush Was Intended For Quirino, Claim

By GREGORIO G. NIESPLA

SOMEWHERE IN THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAIN JUNGLES, May 1.—"Tell Quirino and everybody that I am Viernes," Huk Commander Alexander Viernes, alias Stalin told three captives before releasing them—a few minutes after the Quezon party ambuscade.

These captives, three truck drivers who were among those intercepted and held by the Huk force which perpetrated the sneak attack resulting in the death of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon, her daughter, Baby, and 10 others, called at the PC headquarters in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, Saturday and told of their capture the previous Thursday morning, the day of the ambuscade.

The trio related how Viernes men intercepted their group, trucks and jeeps bearing lumber from Baler, at the bend next to that where Mrs. Quezon's party was attacked—a distance of about 500 meters.

"There were about 80 Huks who held us up," said one driver. "That was about 7:30 a.m." The drivers said they were made to join other captives, some of whom were held up the day previous. The dissidents, it was said, were able to divest these captives, numbering about 70 persons, of cash and valuables worth P10,000.

Another captive, Domingo Lawag, a foreman working in the Bongabon-Baler road construction project who was among those held captive, told your reporter that he overheard Huks talking about their impatience over the "party of high government officials' not coming."

Lawag told PC investigators that "it seemed the Huks were sure President Quirino was among the prominent government officials who would walk into their trap."

These Huk captives who gave information about their capture by the Huks said that "we heard the sound of the shots which snuffed out the lives of Mrs. Quezon and the others who died in the ambuscade from where we were."

The captives emphasized, however, that they were not maltreated. A driver related that one of the dissidents tried to relieve him of his pair of shoes but desisted when the former explained that it would be "indeed difficult to drive without my shoes."

Lawag's statement that the attackers were after President Quirino and other government officials expected to join Mrs. Quezon's party seemed to be confirmed by leaflets left on the scene of the ambuscade by the Huks. Some of the leaflets bore illustrations showing Quirino scattering money from a jar which he held. Other leaflets urged the people to join the Huks in the fight against "extravagance and corruption in the government."

Also left on the scene of the attack were burlap hats worn by the dissidents, flags, and blank sheets of paper.

Meanwhile, as seasoned PC and AFP troops from nearby provinces massed at the Bongabon-Baler sector awaiting word for the final push against the dissidents, Gov. Juan C. Chioico, in an interview in his office in Cabanatuan, reiterated his claim that "there is no peace and order in Nueva Ecija."

Asked if the Quezon ambuscade could have been averted if his request for PC reinforcements was granted, the governor refused to give a categorical answer but hinted it could have been possible.

Emphasizing that it was useless to "talk now of what had happened or blame some officials for the unfortunate incident," Chioico said: "The best we can do now is look forward and hope for the best."

As if to stress his contention that the peace and order problem in the province was far from what has been said of it, Chioico showed your reporter a chart on the incidence of crime in the province. The chart showed that robbery-holdup crimes was most prevalent, particularly last March.

Chioico called on Capt. Burgosino at the NE PC headquarters yesterday on the drive against the killers of Mrs. Quezon. Chioico was understood to have given his views for the successful prosecution of the campaign. It will be recalled that the governor won renown during the occupation as a guerrilla colonel.

Chioico wired President Quirino yesterday of the offer of some 5,000 war veterans and guerrillas

to take to the field in the search for the killers of Mrs. Quezon if they would be supplied with arms and equipment.

At the same time, Chioico told the President that there is a pressing need for peace and order in the province in the next 15 days. He emphasized that some 18,000 residents face starvation as about 140,000 displaced persons are unable to return to their farms and attend to the planting of rice.

"Something must be done or economic dislocation in the province will ensue," declared Chioico.

Yesterday Brig. Gen. Alberto Ramos, PC chief, conferred with top PC officials in the field regarding the campaign.

Philip Buencamino III was seen holding a rosary when taken by civilian rescuers from the Quezon death car, according to Vice-Mayor Sixto D. Gamileo of Bongabon. Philip was bleeding profusely due to a bullet wound in the neck, he said. The same rescuers, Gamileo said, found Baby Quezon slumped on the floor under the steering wheel beside Col. Antonio San Agustin, who was driving the car.

Philip, when found, was conscious and had to be assured that the party who took him to the provincial hospital were not Huks but the rescuers. To the very last, Philip insisted that the attackers were Huks. He still had the rosary in his hand.

The final push against Viernes and his men is expected momentarily with the capture of a ten-year-old Huk courier, Dominador Pascua, a resident of barrio Siklong, Bongabon.

Pascua was captured by PC enlisted men while roaming in Bongabon. He told PC investigators that together with another boy, also a Huk courier, he was sent by Huk Commander Marzo to contact a certain Chinese in Bongabon to ask for three sacks of rice.

Pascua could not identify his companion. His job in the Huk camp, he told the PC, consisted of cooking for the dissidents.

A strong force under Marzo Pascua told Lt. Angel Cruz, operations officer in the area, are bivouacked at a point close to the ambush scene. Most Huks operating in the Bongabon sector, he added, sport long hair.

Gen. Alberto Ramos, PC chief, returned to Manila last night from Nueva Ecija after a two-day survey of Huk situation in the Bongabon-Baler sector. He is to call on President Quirino today to report on the operations.

Col. Macario S. Asistio, constabulary G-2 chief, proceeded Friday morning to the scene of the ambuscade and returned to Manila Saturday night. He told the Evening News this morning that his men expect a decisive encounter against the dissidents any moment.

He revealed that all available men of the organization were massed on the Sierra Madre mountain at the Bongabon-Baler sector. More soldiers will be dispatched to the place today, it was said.

The PC G-2 chief further disclosed that it was definite that the Huks that killed Mrs. Quezon and party were led by Alexander Viernes alias Stalin and a certain Marzo. This conclusion, he asserted, was based on the testimonies of some persons held up by the dissidents.

One of the captives testified that he recognized Marzo to be one of the attackers because Marzo worked in his employ before. Viernes was also identified to be in the group following the testimony of his brother-in-law, who was with the group of persons herded by the outlaws.

Would Coordinate State-Press Drive Against Huks

Conferences with Manila newspaper and magazine publishers, editors, and staffers will be undertaken by the lower house special committee on un-Filipino activities to coordinate the government's campaign against forces of subversion, Rep. Cornelio T. Villareal (L, Capiz), CUFA chairman, announced today.

The conferences will be held [Continued on page 3]

this May and may continue even after the close of regular congress sessions on May 20, he said.

Villareal noted that several dailies have been "directly encouraging" dissidents because of their "over-exercise" of press rights.

The CUFA chairman cited publication of letters of Luis Taruc, alleged Huk supremo, which shifted blame for the massacre of Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and 11 others from his followers to the administration itself.

Committee members recalled that Taruc is a Huk escapist and bandit charged with multiple murder. Anyone who deals with him, even by way of receiving messages from couriers and publishing them, may be held as accessory to the crime of aiding and abetting a criminal in eluding the arm of the law, they stressed.

The CUFA will also call into conferences social, civic, labor, and school organizations for the same campaign-coordination purpose.

Villareal pointed out that there are professors and instructors who are inculcating college students with "leftist" ideas outside the bounds of scholastic dissertations.

He said this must be guarded against by school authorities as direct inroads into the safety of the country's democratic processes.



THICK FOLIAGE flanking Bongabon-Baler highway served as excellent camouflage for waiting ambushers. Arrow points to approach to bend where Quezon car was riddled with bullets.

Newsman Sees Scene Of National Tragedy

Uneasy Peace Reigns On Desolate Spot

By GREGORIO G. NIESPLA

All was quiet Friday night at the lonely mountain spot where Mrs. Aurora Aragon Quezon and 11 others were massacred more than a day earlier.

This was a sudden let-down after the day-long tense waiting for action by a party of newsmen and constabulary escort which had gone for an on-the-spot look at the scene of a national tragedy.

Ours was a small motorcade, but it included an armored car, and it had two spotter planes hovering over it with motherly solicitude all along the tortuous way. This—and the wild, mountainous terrain—had spelled "danger."

But we were the lone, undisputed possessors of the place—us and a goat and a cat that we saw with worried looks on their faces near abandoned cogon shacks along the way.

We reached the ambuscade scene at 5:20 p.m. after a 62-kilometer drive from Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, in a jeep, a station wagon, and "the" armored car. The road had been just wide enough for one car to pass at a time. On one hand the wooded mountains jutted to the skies; on the other, it fell down a sheer 30-meter precipice, with not a row of toothpicks on the edge to lend the inexperienced mountain-climber moral support.

And now we were in the sad, desolate place where raking Huk gunfire Thursday morning had snuffed out the lives of 12, including that of the country's most beloved woman national figure.

We had hardly a view of the place in the fading daylight—an elevated spot with dense tropic woods and ravines around and tree-crowned knolls pushing into the clouds. Except for "upstairs" you could hardly see more than a hundred yards in any direction—and "upstairs" was a good direction to look at, with the thoughts we had in mind.

In a few minutes it was dark. The night fell thick and fast. Crickets chirped in the bushes; belated birds cried forlornly in the tree-tops. Where guns had spat death, there was now uneasy peace—and prayer for the heroic departed.

After a brief communion, each member of the party to himself, we left. The trip was so uneventful that a blowout on the way back and a fire we saw on a hairpin turn unduly "alarmed" us.

At 8:50 p.m. we were back in Bongabon. I rushed for a cup of coffee and a pack of cigarettes. I was nearly crazy for not having had a smoke since I used my last cigarette at 6 p.m.



AT AMBUSH area, PC enlisted men search for empty shells used by the Huks in mowing down the Quezon party. They found two empty .30 calibre shells. Note pile of stones used as improvised trench in the jungle, located about four meters from the highway.

No Political Slant In Tragedy --NP Head

Former Senator Eulogio Rodriguez, president of the Nacionalista party, who was out of town when the news of the tragic Quezon ambush took place, urged restraint upon all political groups and asked them not to make political capital out of the incident.

He said:

"Those who knew Mrs. Quezon could not have wished that great Lady any harm. To the people, she symbolized everything that was orderly generous and good. We in the Nacionalista party, in common with the entire Filipino people, share with the world the loss of a noble woman and a treasured name."

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Other PC and PA troops were rushed to the aid of the pursuing patrol at early dawn today.

The second PC Huk encounter at barrio Batim, Santo Domingo, resulted in the complete defeat of the dissidents.

The Huk band was first discovered attempting to cross the cement highway two kilometers north of the PC garrison last Sunday night. Blood traces along the highway were discovered by the PC soldiers after the fight.

Provincial officials suspect that the Huk contingents in the mountain fastnesses east of Rizal town, have been disbanded and are enroute to the lowlands in view of the concerted attack by government troops around the Bongabon-Dingalan Bay area.

Meanwhile, Judge Mariano Melendres of the court of first instance, issued the warrant of arrest for Lt. Dominador Esquivel, PC officer stationed in San Antonio town. Esquivel reportedly protected two PA soldiers, Feliciano de la Rosa and Roberto Valencia, who raped Elena Dayao and her 18-year old daughter Irene Rodriguez, on the night of April 1.

Investigation conducted by PC Lt. Fidel Amante, on orders from Col. Liberal Lucena, revealed that the two PA soldiers raped both women. Previously it was reported that the crime was committed by Huk. Judge Melendres fixed reward at P10,000 for the discovery.

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Constabulary soldiers, upon learning of the aid given to the Huk, searched the barrio to apprehend these families.

None of them, however, have been arrested, as all of them have fled to the hills. It was reported that constabulary soldiers have been posted in the barrio to arrest any of the wanted families should any of them return from their places of evacuation.

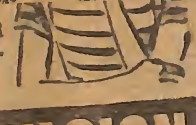
TOWNLIFE

By Corazon Grau Villanueva
In Paris last Sunday morning a Filipino priest celebrated a mass for the Philippine Jaycee Delegation in memory of Doña Aurora Quezon, Baby Quezon and Philip Buenacaminio, 3rd. The mass was celebrated in the Cathedral of Notre Dame. This goes to show how fast news can certainly travel around the world. The news came to the Jaycees as they were stopping over in Paris after the Brussels International Junior of Chamber of Commerce convention and we can imagine their reaction to

the tragedy. As we said once before, Baby had many old friends among the boys who compose the organization here, and she always showed an interest in their activities.



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And to all this may be added that the murder of Mrs. Quezon has instilled fear in the hearts of the people, fear of the ruthlessness of the Hukbalahap revolutionary movement. If this fear is confirmed then Taruc cannot expect them to rally to him as he does not expect them to rally to the side of the reactionaries. The people will assert themselves and destroy all those who would destroy them, whether they are of the reactionary right or the totalitarian left. And they will win because nobody wins a struggle in the end but the people. The people are stronger than political parties or even rebel armies that cannot count with their solid support. With the wanton murder of Mrs. Quezon, the Huk have certainly lost such solid support. In the first place, they never had it outside the areas of discontent to an extent that would warrant a conclusion that a revolutionary situation exists.

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